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APRIL 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2010
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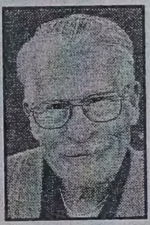
ALBION, INDIANA

2010

These obituaries are from The News Sun, Kendallville, Indiana and Albion New Era, Albion, Indiana. I have made every effort for accuracy and do apologize for any errors or omissions. I am glad to help preserve the history of Noble County, Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 1, 2010, Thursday

Kenneth Ludwig


Mr. Ludwig

LAGRANGE — Kenneth S. Ludwig, age 75, of 3193 S 1075 E., LaGrange, IN, died Sunday March 28, 2010, at 2:30 P.M. at his residence. He was born on November 9, 1934 in Adrian, MI, to Virgil & Evelyn A. (Hanson) Ludwig. He married Sherron J. Yax in Ann Arbor, MI, on August 6, 1960. She survives in LaGrange.

Ken graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Business Administration (BBA) in 1957. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and served from 1957 to 1963. He served first in Germany as a chaplain assistant during the height of the Berlin Crisis and was called again into service and served in Granite City, IL, where he achieved the rank of staff sergeant in the Army's Corp of Engineers.

After being honorably discharged, Ken worked in various industrial management positions during the remainder of '60s and into the early '70s. In 1973 Ken opened the automobile and Jeep dealership Ken Ludwig Motors in Adrian, MI and continued that enterprise until 1981. In the early 1980s, Ken began attending seminary and continued his education until he received his Doctorate in Theology. He became a fulltime Methodist minister in 1985 and served in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. His perishes in Ohio included: Shadeville, New Holland, Atlanta, Hebron and Van Wert. In Kentucky he was Executive Director of Redbird Mission. While in Indiana he served numerous local churches as an interim pastor. In addition he was very active at the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, IN.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Appalachian Trail Association, the Kendallville YMCA, and was a former member of the Optimist Club, and Elks Lodge No. 429, Moose Lodge No. 1034, and Toledo 4-wheelers.

He enjoyed hiking, reading, motorcycles, auto shows, local stock and sprint car races, University of Michigan football, and NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife -Sherron J. Ludwig - LaGrange, IN. 2 daughters - Suzanne & (Mark) DuShane - Adrian, MI and Kathleen & (George)- Toledo, OH. 1 son Kenneth V. & (Kristine) Ludwig - Maumee, OH. 1 brother - V. Keith & (Roberta) Ludwig - Tecumseh, MI. 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in Death by his parents.

Ken's faith, service, love and devotion is an inspiration to us all. He touched the lives of so many. He will be dearly missed.

Visitation was held on Wednesday March 31, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, IN.

A funeral service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, Indiana with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service.

Burial will be in the Onsted Memorial Cemetery, Onsted, MI, with a graveside service with full Military Rites on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to: The First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, IN or Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 1, 2010, Thursday

Andrew Brandon

LAOTTO — Andrew N. Brandon, 24, of LaOtto died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Andrew was born October 19, 1985, in Auburn to Tim and Lori (Leas) Brandon of LaOtto.

Mr. Brandon

He was a student at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

He was active in and loved to play hockey in the Fort Wayne Hockey League. He also loved skiing, snowboarding, riding his motorcycle, the Miami Dolphins, Detroit Red Wings and the Cleveland Indians.

He is survived by his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Matthew and Niki Brandon of Rome City; a niece Keira Celeste Brandon; a nephew Xander Aidan Brandon; and his grandmothers, Wava Brandon Sebert of Auburn and Jane Leas of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be noon Friday, April 2, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn. The Rev John Ault will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today, Thursday April 1, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and also 1 hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

Donna Mullen

AUBURN — Donna R. Mullen, 74, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 16, 1935, in Crisman, Ind., to Sidney W. and Mildred G. (Bonham) Hawkinson. Her parents have preceded her in death.

She was a secretary for food service for the Portage Schools.

Mrs. Mullen was a very active member and was an organist for the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She married Robert R Mullen on December 23, 1955, in Portage, Ind., and he survives.

She is also survived by a son, Mark D. (DeLynn) Mullen of Portage; two daughters, Sharon D. (Daniel) Hunt of Auburn and Dina M. Johnson of Chicago,; a sister, Arlene Owen of Florida; and seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with calling two hours prior to the service from 1 until 3 p.m.

Additional services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home in Portage, with calling there from 1 to 4 p.m. Burial will follow the service Saturday in Portage at the McCool Cemetery in Portage.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Larry Holmes

NORTH MANCHESTER — Larry E. Holmes, 63, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 W., North Manchester. Burial will be in Laketon Cemtery at Laketon.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund, 173 Hale Drive, Wabash, IN 46992 or the Shirley Holmes, 2287 W. Lukens Lake Road, Laketon, IN 46943.

David Baker

PLEASANT LAKE — David Roger Baker, 67, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2715 N. S.R. 827, Angola.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert Walker

AUBURN — Robert L. Walker, 76, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at his home with his family by his side.

Mr. Walker

Bob was born in Ferndale, Michigan, and moved to Auburn in 1954.

He retired from Dana Corp. in 1993.

Bob was active in the community. He was a former member and past president of the Auburn Jaycees and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He loved his family, gardening, planting trees and making people laugh. His nickname was "Bobby Appleseed."

He married Harriett Wyne on January 29, 1955, and she survives. He is also survived by his children, Janet and Larry of Michigan, Sue Greuter and companion Greg Stahl of Auburn, Robert of Auburn, and Connie Baughman of Pleasant Lake; four grandchildren, Jason and Amy Greuter, Steven Greuter and companion Angela Strong, Nichole Baughman, William Baughman; two stepgrandchildren, Brian and Pam of Michigan and Kyle and Jeri of Minnesota; three great-grandchildren, Emily Greuter, Alyssa Greuter and Kelsee Greuter; six stepgrandchildren, Chelsea, Damon, Ray Scott, Breanna of Michigan, Wyatt and Tyona of Minnesota; one brother; and five sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday April 2, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Steve Ardhuerumly will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be today, Thursday April 1, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Moose Lodge Service will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the American Diabetes Association or to the family.

Beulah Grate

CORUNNA — Beulah M Grate, 83, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born May 15, 1926, in Bloomington, Ill., to Walter and Grace (Hale) Rose. Her parents have preceded her in death.

She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne then as a telephone operator for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville. She had also worked for Albion Production Credit Association for 29 years before retiring in 1986.

She was a member of the Presbyterian First Church of Fort Wayne, and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She graduated in 1944 from Kendallville High School.

She married Harold Grate on January 16, 1976, in Auburn and he survives.

She is also survived by her stepchildren, Sharon Kennedy of Auburn, Janet (Dave) Gafken of Auburn, Steven (Denise) Grate of Waterloo, Ronald (Lori) Grate of Corunna, Kevin (Amy) Grate of Corunna and Sheila (Mark) Stonebraker of Corunna; a sister, Helen Ream of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother Earl Rose Sr. of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; 19 stepgrandchildren; and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Judy Baird; and a brother, Donald Rose.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Betz Activity Fund, the Fairfield Cemetery or Corunna Fire Department.

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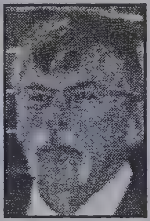
Craig Douglas

GARRETT — Craig Douglas, 56, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Douglas had been a truck driver for USF Holland for 18 years.

He was a member of the Teamsters No. 414.


Mr. Douglas

Mr. Douglas was also a member of the Leo United Methodist Church.

A devoted husband, loving father and proud grandpa, he will be missed greatly.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Otho and Anne Douglas.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Kathleen; son, Jared (Tonya) of Auburn; a daughter, Laura (Randy) Stegall of Deland, Fla.; brothers, Thomas, Gary and Steven Douglas; sisters, Karen Miller and Susan Reinking; one granddaughter, Sarah Stegall, and Gracie Douglas who is due any day.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Ann Douglas in 2002; and sister, Sharon Douglas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service.

Calling is also Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He will be laid to rest by his daughter at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Sarah A. Douglas Memorial Scholarship Fund.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.covingtonmemorial.com

Mary Pivee

ASHLEY — Mary E. Pivee, 94, formerly of Ashley died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

There are no services or calling.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

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April 2, 2010, Friday

Violet Hawk

MERRIAM — Violet Hawk, 93, a former resident of Merriam and widow of J. C. Hawk, died at 1:20 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Woodview Health Care in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since August.

Mrs. Hawk

Mrs. Hawk was born on October 30, 1916, in Merriam, a daughter of Edward and Erma Letitia (Keister) Zumbrun, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1936.

On June 17, 1939, she was married near Merriam to J. C. Hawk. Mr. Hawk preceded her in death on April 17, 2001.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren, Whitley County.

The surviving relatives include her daughter, Kay Ann Hawk of Fort Wayne; a sister, Zora Tanner of Angola; a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Terry L. Hawk on July 20, 1976; and by two brothers, Delbert Zumbrun and Oras Zumbrun.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, at the Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040 E. C.R. 700N, Whitley County. Pastors Craig Alan Myers and Keith Moore will officiate.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church's mission fund or deacon's fund.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Hawk's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Marlin Bontrager

ANGOLA — Marlin Earl Bontrager, 47, of Angola, died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the LaGrange Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, at LaGrange Baptist Church. Services will be conducted by Pastor Jeff Farnham.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

David Baker

PLEASANT LAKE — David Roger Baker, 67, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at his Pleasant Lake home.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker and his wife owned and operated Baker's Window and Cleaning Services of Angola.

He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Angola.

He was born Oct. 7, 1942, in Portland, Ind., to David G. and Gertrude (Hoad) Baker. He married Janice L. Keller on Dec. 7, 1963. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Bruce Pardue of Pleasant Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Kym Baker of Elkhart; two sisters, Diane and Jack Bledsoe of Angola and Kathleen Fisher of Constantine, Mich.; a brother, Mike and Lorie Baker of Fremont; and two grandchildren, Krista Pardue and Grace Pardue.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2725 N. S.R. 827, Angola, with Elder Dale Hoyt officiating.

Calling will be from 1-2:30 p.m. prior to the service Saturday.

Memorials are to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses or to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of services.

Send online condolences to Johnson@bnin.net

THE NEWS SUN
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John Kline

ALBION — John D. Kline, 69, of Albion went home to be with his Lord and Savior after a long battle with diabetes at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

John was born on December 23, 1940, in Kendallville to the late Alfred and Mildred (Coffelt) Kline. On December 17, 1960, in the E.U.B. Church in Albion he married Diana (Rathke) Kline. She survives in Albion. They would of celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary later this year.

Mr. Kline

He retired from Group Dekko after 20 years of service in maintenance. Prior to that he worked 13 years for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and a few years for Conrail.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

He loved to spend time out in his garage building and tearing apart different things. He also loved to drive his kids around the yard on his tractor.

He is survived by his wife Diana (Rathke) Kline; a son, Jon M. Kline of Auburn; two daughters, Janetta and John Martinez of Defiance, Ohio, and Joanna M. Kline of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four brothers, Kurb and Sharon Kline of Mansfield, Ohio, Kenny Kline of Kendallville, Jim and Diane Kline of Kendallville and Larry and Terry Kline of Kendallville; and three sisters, Pat Geinger of Kendallville, Sue Meyers of Chico, Calif., and Mary Parvu of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate the service.

Cremation will follow the service.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 2, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Diabetes Foundation or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Dell

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn L. Dell, 96, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Send condolences online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Donna Mullen

AUBURN — Donna R. Mullen, 74, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 6, 1935, in Crisman, Ind., to Sidney W. and Mildred G. (Bonham) Hawkinson. Her parents have preceded her in death.

She was a secretary for food service for the Portage Schools.

Mrs. Mullen was a member at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. She was an active member and organist at number of churches in the Portage and Whiting area.

She married Robert R Mullen on December 23, 1955, in Portage, Ind., and he survives.

She is also survived by a son, Mark D. (DeLynn) Mullen of Portage; two daughters, Sharon D. (Daniel) Hunt of Auburn and Dina M. Johnson of Chicago,; a sister, Arlene Owen of Florida; and seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling two hours prior to the service from 1 until 3 p.m.

Additional services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home in Portage, with calling there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will follow the service Saturday in Portage at the McCool Cemetery in Portage.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Lewis Wolf

PLEASANT LAKE — Lewis E. Wolf, 90, of Riverside, Calif., and formerly of Steuben County died Sunday, March 28, 2010, in Riverside. He had enjoyed living many years in sunny California.

Mr. Wolf was a retired farmer and service manager.

He was born July 21, 1919, in Steuben County to Waldo and Pearl (DeLong) Wolf. He married Mary M. Blust on Nov. 10, 1937, in Fort Wayne. She died May 7, 2006.

Surviving are three sons, Richard and Sandra Wolf of Fort Wayne, James and Sue Wolf of Auburn and Don and Barb Wolf of Angola; two daughters, Barbara and Don Odell of Riverside, Calif., and Betty and Randy Penner of Fremont; two sisters, Martha Routsong of Kendallville and Marian Hepner of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake with the Rev. Rick L. Pettys officiating.

There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Bernard Mallery

WAWAKA — Bernard Mallery, 85, of Wawaka died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Mallery attended the Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

He was born in Glover Gap, W.Va., on Oct. 29, 1924, to Norval and Nettie Mallery.

Surviving are a special friend, Johnny Cole of Wawaka; a sister, Millie Dougherty of North Carolina; a brother, Glen Mallery of Radford, Va.; a sister-in-law, Laura Mallery of Wheeling, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a special friend, Sylvia Cole who died Sept. 1, 2008; and three brothers, Lester, Boyd and Rex Mallery.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m Friday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of services.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Mary Privee

ASHLEY — Mary E. Privee, 94, formerly of Ashley died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

There are no services or calling.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Tina DeGraw

AUBURN — Tina Marie DeGraw, 43, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born in Auburn on Nov, 23, 1966, to James L. Marks Sr. who has passed away. Her mother and stepfather, Betty J. and Austin Parker survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a daughter, Betty DeGraw of Ashley; and three brothers, Mark Marks of Butler, Sam Shaffer of Corunna and James Marks Jr. of Waterloo.

There are no services or calling planned.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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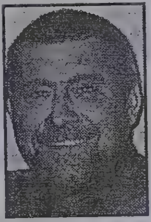
April 3, 2010, Saturday

Ed Walters

AUBURN — Ed Walters of Auburn died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at his home in Auburn.


Mr. Walters

Mr. Walters was a self-employed farmer and worked construction all his life.

He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and spending time in the woods. He especially liked to tell a joke and share a humorous story with his family and friends.

He was born August 14, 1963, in Auburn to Dave and Ruth (Friend) Walters. They both survive in Auburn.

He is survived by his companion Cindy Wood of Auburn; his former wife, Jane Hollabaugh; and two daughters, Elizabeth Walters and Addie Walters both of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Susie Bishop and Annette Bowman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Eastern Community Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Bernard Mallery

WAWAKA — Bernard Mallery, 85, of Wawaka died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Mallery attended the Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

He was born in Glover Gap, W.Va., on Oct. 29, 1924, to Norval and Nettie Mallery.

Surviving are a special friend, Johnny Cole of Wawaka; a sister, Millie Dougherty of North Carolina; a brother, Glen Mallery of Radford, Va.; a sister-in-law, Laura Mallery of Wheeling, W.Va.; his God children, Kristopher and John Cole, both of Wawaka; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a special friend, Sylvia Cole who died Sept. 1, 2008; and three brothers, Lester, Boyd and Rex Mallery.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m Friday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of services.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Christine Middaugh

AUBURN — Christine Sue Middaugh 54, of Auburn passed from this world to the next in her home in Auburn Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Mrs. Middaugh worked at Essex Corp. in Auburn then for Airway Manufacturing of Hamilton for 18 years.

Mrs. Middaugh enjoyed staying around the house and reading, baking, drawing, ceramics and was an excellent singer.

She was born May 6, 1955, in Garrett, Indiana. Theron Tuttle, her father, has passed away. Her mother, Eleanor (Cobbs) Fee, survives in Waterloo.

She married Howard Middaugh on July 23, 1994, in Waterloo. He survives in Auburn.

She is survived by one sister, Rene Maxwell of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother Donald Tuttle

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo with the Rev. Tom Nedderson officiating.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until the service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

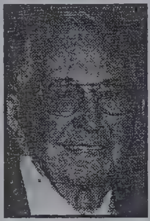
Memorials may be directed to The American Cancer Society, she was a cancer survivor.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 3, 2010, Saturday

Hubert Cline

LAGRANGE — Hubert M. Cline, 94, of LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Living most of his lifetime in LaGrange County, he was a graduate of Springfield Township High School, Manchester College, and Indiana University.


Mr. Cline

He was in the field of education for 38 years, and retired from Prairie Heights Community Schools in 1981. After his retirement from education and farming, he was a field enumerator for agricultural statistics for 15 years.

Mr. Cline was a member of the East Springfield Methodist Church and several community and state organizations including the Indiana High School Athletic Association serving on the State Athletic Council and the Board of Control of IHSAA.

He was also privileged to have the Prairie Heights Football Field named the Hubert Cline Field and was a recipient of the Prairie Heights Mighty Oak Award.

Hubert was born on May 3, 1915, in LaGrange County to Vern E. and Lottie (Vesey) Cline. They both precede him in death. On June 1, 1940, in Albion, Ind., he married Barbara "Bobbie" Spero. Mrs. Cline preceded him in death on August 29, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sara and Gary Levitz of LaGrange and Marilyn and Paul Lauver of Wolcottville, Ind.; five grandchildren, Joel Lauver and his fiancée Jessee Matracia of Nashville, Tenn., Lindsay Lauver of Bloomington, Ind., and Rachel and Jason Shively, Ryan Levitz, and Reed and Melissa Levitz, all of Yorktown, Ind.; three great-grandchildren, Brycen and Brody Shively and Kimberly Levitz; a niece, Sue Spero-Clifton; a nephew, Larry Spero; and several cousins.

Also preceding him in death was a sister, Evelyn Cline in 1914.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Revs. James Bartlett and Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to East Springfield Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frederick Richey

AUBURN — Fredrick J. Richey, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Richey

He was born March 29, 1938, in Columbia City.

He was a machinist at Dana for 38 years and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the American Motorcycle Association and enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Richey of Auburn; two daughters, Dianna Lowman of Auburn and Tina Perdue of Fort Wayne: nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard Gray; a brother, Walter Richey; and a sister, Helen Treesh.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, 1327 C.R. 13, Corunna.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Eva Grone

DELPHOS, Ohio — Eva L. Grone, 91, of Delphos died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at VanCrest of Healthcare Center in Delphos.

Mrs. Grone was a homemaker.

Mrs. Grone

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and a graduate of St. John's High School.

She was a past member of the Alter Rosary Society.

Mrs. Grone was an avid card player, especially in Bridge tournaments. She was a member of the American Contract Bridge League and had attained the rank of "Master."

She also enjoyed golfing, crocheting, knitting and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was born October 3, 1918, in Delphos to C.J. and Agnes (Sauber) Yochum. She married Arthur Grone on July 26, 1941. He died May 15, 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Neil and Norma Grone of Liberty Township, Jim and Lois Grone of Ft. Jennings and Mike and Dawn Grone fo Sidney; two daughters, Mary and Kinnaird Kniss of Avilla, Ind., and Diana Grone-Hitchcock of Delphos; a sister, Beatrice Basinger of Sacramento, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Albert Yochum; and five sisters, Della Studenka, Rita Shellabarger, Catherine Yochum, Betty Workman and Pat Yochum.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-9 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Harter and Schier Funeral Home, 209 W. Third St., Delphos. There will be a Parish Wake to begin at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or to Masses.

Levi Lambright

GOSHEN — Levi J. Lambright, 90, of Goshen died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Greencroft Health Care Center in Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn A.M. Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

W. Wayne Aldrich

ANGOLA — W. Wayne Aldrich, 95, of Angola died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Aldrich was a self-employed construction contractor.

He was a member of the Angola Christian Church. He was also a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236, York Rite Bodies, past commander of Commandry 45, and Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Aldrich was a 50-year member and Past Patron of the Angola Chapter 78 Order of the Eastern Star.

He was born Dec. 22, 1914, in Steuben County to Carlton F. and Jeannette (Packer) Aldrich.

Surviving are his second wife, Marian Henry Aldrich of Jackson, Mich.; a son, Gregory and Kathy Aldrich of Angola; a daughter, Channa and Ray White of Lebanon, Ind.; a brother, Bruce Aldrich of Hamilton; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Vivian Aldrich on Feb. 24, 1994; a daughter, Stephanie Garcia on Feb. 27, 2002; eight sisters; and six brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery at Hamilton, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online and the guestbook signed at www.weichtfh.com.

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John Roose

LAGRANGE — John A. Roose, 66, of LaGrange, Ind., died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Roose

John was a lifelong LaGrange County resident and a United States Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War.

He worked for 10 years at DeRand Kitchens in Sturgis, Mich., before he retired from Abbott Labs in Sturgis, Mich., after 21 years of service. After his retirement, he worked at Eagleson Auto and Norris Truck, both in LaGrange.

He was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215 for 40 years, a charter member of the LA Breakfast Club, attended the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange, and for many years was active with the LaGrange County Girls Softball League.

His grandchildren were the light of his life and he always was full of laughter.

He loved old vehicles, especially Fords, and anything to do with speed.

John was born on February 28, 1944, in Goshen, Ind., to Carl A. and Mildred L. (Biller) Roose; they both preceded him in death. On April 20, 1968, in Kendallville, Ind., he married Sandra A. "Sande" Billings. Mrs. Roose survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and Major Clifton Trout of Fort Belvoir, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Amy Roose of Howe, Ind.; six grandchildren, Christian, Keirstin, and Kya Roose and Jackson, Carter, and Tyler Trout; and a brother and sister-in-law, David W. and Susan Roose of Rock Hill, S.C.

Also preceding him in death was a daughter, Kirsten Roose, on May 9, 1971.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with LaGrange American Legion conducting a military graveside service.

Visitation will be on Monday, April 5, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange Nursery Fund or LaGrange County Girls Softball League.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Sage

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth Mae Sage, 72, of Kendallville died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville

Visitation will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Carl Bontrager

TOPEKA — Carl Jay Bontrager, 1 day old son of Jerry and Loretta Bontrager of Topeka, died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. today at the Orla Bontrager residence, 3830 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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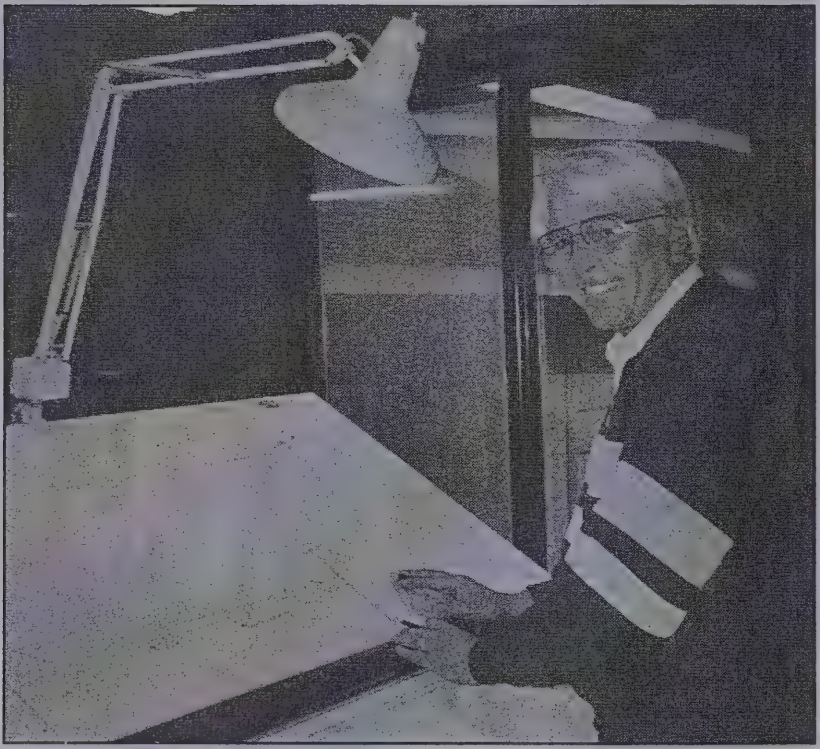
Mansfield personified excellence



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George Mansfield showed true talent at nearly everything he attempted. As an architectural engineer, Mansfield would draft plans for many buildings throughout Steuben County and Fort Wayne by hand.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — A polymath is someone with the particular penchant for excellence in a number of very different fields.

George Mansfield, who died Friday, March 26, 2010, was such a man. Mansfield designed and helped to build homes and industrial buildings in every corner of Steuben County, including a number of businesses and industrial sites in Angola. He was an accomplished woodworker and excellent classical guitarist. He taught himself piano and became an excellent golfer. He raced hydroplanes on Steuben County lakes and was an avid mushroom hunter. And he bowled seven 300 games.

"He was always trying to find some new hobby," his wife, Janice, said.

Angola city engineer Bill Boyer, who worked with Mansfield on a number of building projects beginning in the '80s and shared office space with Mansfield, described him as "a self-made man."

"Anything he set his mind to, he could do," Boyer noted.

Son Martin Mansfield said many people had referred to his father as "the most brilliant man they'd ever met." As a fellow engineer, Thomas said he was amazed at some of the things his father managed to design by hand, especially in the era of computer aided-drafting. His father said he could pull a John Henry and outdraw his mechanical competition.

"He would always say that he could outrun a computer," Martin said. "He was able to take a pen and a ruler and make a building come to life." He also noted that his father would put together a list of what was needed for a project, and he'd be able to put it together himself. Now, such lists are created by computers.

"Our prints are all done in a program," Martin said. "You'll put together a design and it will spit out a list. What amazes me when I look at the prints he did is his were all done manually. It was all done with a pencil, a brain and a calculator."

The buildings Mansfield designed included several offices along North Wayne Street in Angola, as well as Wolf Envelope, R.I.S.E. Inc., and Metal Spinners. Mansfield also took on management responsibilities for projects such as the Ashley water tower and sewer projects.

"There's hardly a corner of the county he hasn't influenced," he said.

Jim Myers, Boyer's assistant engineer in the city engineer's office, who worked with Boyer and Mansfield during their collaborations in the early '80s, said Mansfield would do nearly everything by hand.

"He never used a computer," Myers said. "He did everything on paper. But back then, that was the way you did it."

Sometimes, Martin said, his father would be able to cut out early and shoot nine holes. Other times, it was different. "I'd wake up late at night, and I'd see the lights on in his office. Sometimes he would draw all night, then maybe play his guitar for a while and fix breakfast."

Daughter Mary Emily Decker said her father would keep odd hours, but it was all a way for him to accomplish what he wanted and needed to.

"He didn't live for work, he worked to live," Decker said. "He always got the next job so it could feed his passions."

While Mansfield's passions might have moved from one activity to another, his guitar was a constant, his family said. Decker noted that her father would often listen to other classical guitarists, as well as traveling long distances to take lessons from them.

"Sometimes I would come home and I'd hear music, and I couldn't tell if it was dad or the tape," she said.

When he began golfing, Mansfield

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pursued that as passionately as his other pursuits. Boyer said he and Myers would often play with Mansfield.

"They'd always have to give us a stroke a hole," Boyer said. "You couldn't help but like George, he was a fun guy."

Sometimes Mansfield's practicing went a little too far, Boyer said. "One time he had this long steel form pin, and he was demonstrating his backswing. He swung and it ripped up a big section of carpet."

Myers said that as a joke, he and Boyer put a club head on the pin and gave it to Mansfield as a Christmas gift.

When he began his woodworking passion, Janice said he immediately sought out the top people he could to help him.

"Wherever he had to go to learn from the right people, he would go," she said. "He always wanted to learn, he was always reading studying, learning. That was his life."

Late in life, Martin said, his father became much more family focused.

"He had a lot of compassion for people," he said. "All he wanted was to hear about was his kids and his grandkids. He'd always ask, 'Are they reading, are they learning?' I think he realized at the end of his life that what really mattered most was his family and his faith."

Elizabeth Sage

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth Mae Sage, 72, of Kendallville died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Ms. Sage was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 11, 1937, to Gerald M. and Leona B. (Potter) Sage. Her father preceded her death.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1956.

Liz was employed with McCray Hospital as a Registered Central Supply Technician for 32 years before she retired in 1991 and she was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Survivors include her mother, Leona Sage, of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla; sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Dave Windle of Kendallville; nephews, Brett Sage, Brad Sage and Gary Sage, all of Kendallville; and nieces, Kim Bolen and Michelle Windle both of Kendallville.

Visitation will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating will be Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mary Ann Ball Stewart

ATHENS, Ga. — Mary Ann Ball Stewart, 75, died Thursday, April 1, 2010.

A native of Auburn, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Elsie Ball and the widow of David Leigh Stewart.

Survivors include two children, David Stewart of Chapin, S.C., and Sheryl Tuggle of Arnoldsville, Ga.; a brother, Ronald Ball of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Nick, Alex and Jack Stewart.

A graveside service will be held Thursday 11:30 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel officiating.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

E. Wayne Keyster

WATERLOO — E. Wayne Keyster, 86, of Waterloo, died Saturday, April 3, 2010.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St. Waterloo.

Ralph Gose

SYRACUSE — Ralph D. Gose, 89, of Syracuse, died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Cromwell Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Kingdom Hall, at 200N and the Noble/Kosciusko County Line Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Ralph D. Gose.

Elkhart Cremation Services, 2100 W. Franklin St., Elkhart, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gene Mearse

HAMILTON — Gene C. Mearse, 53, of Hamilton died at 10:21 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2010, shortly after admittance to Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Mearse was born Aug. 2, 1956, near Butler, the son of Billie A. and Helen I. (Thompson) Mearse.

He was a graduate of Hamilton High School and was currently employed by H & W Hardware in Hamilton.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Mearse, of Hamilton; two brothers, Orin "Odie" (DeAnn) Mearse, of Edon, Ohio, and Paul Mearse, of Angola; a sister-in-law, Patty Thompson of Evansville; five nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billie Mearse, and one brother, Jay Roger Thompson.

Services for Gene C. Mearse will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Blakeslee, Ohio.

Visitation will be in the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

The online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Ed Walters

AUBURN — Ed Walters of Auburn died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Walters

Mr. Walters was a self-employed farmer and worked construction all his life.

He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and spending time in the woods. He especially liked to tell a joke and share a humorous story with his family and friends.

He was born August 14, 1963, in Auburn to Dave and Ruth (Friend) Walters. They both survive in Auburn.

He is survived by his companion Cindy Wood of Auburn; his former wife, Jane Hollabaugh; and two daughters, Elizabeth Walters and Addie Walters both of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Susie Bishop and Annette Bowman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Monday, April 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Elizabeth and Addie Walters Education Fund, Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Eastern Community Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.

E. Wayne Kester

WATERLOO — E. Wayne Kester, 86, of Waterloo died Saturday April 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kester

Wayne was born January 16, 1924, in Waterloo to Emblem G. and Anna E. (Stansbury) Kester. They have both passed away.

He worked as a manager for Kroger's for 34 years, retiring in 1976. He then worked for Hickory Farms for over 10 years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Kendallville American Legion and the Waterloo VFW.

He served in the U.S. Army as a First Sergeant, Battery Division Artillery 71st Infantry, during World War II.

He was known as the "Boy Whistler." He whistled at the Indiana State Fair and several other places.

He married Lois E. Karlen on August 25, 1946 in Kendallville, and she died June 22, 1907.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Donald Kryder of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Diana Kester of Columbia City and Robert and Denise Kester of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Shannon Kester, Whitney Kester, Joseph Nalley, Amanda Kester, Kristy Kester, Daniel Kryder and Ashlie Kryder; and five great-grandchildren, Jayda Kester, Amaris Kester, Malyssa Nalley, Annette Nalley and Byron Nalley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister, Vera G. Madison.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN, and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

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Virginia Ward

WATERLOO — Virginia "Ginny" Ward, 86, died on April 1, 2010.

Mrs. Ward

Following her wishes she has been cremated.

She was born December 31, 1923, in Newville, IN, to Terry and Lucille (Dove) Traxler. She married Lawrence Dickerson. He died in 1978. She then married Daniel H. Ward and he died in 2006.

She retired from General Electric, Fort Wayne, in 1984. After retiring, she served many years providing in-home care for the elderly and did in-depth genealogy research on branches of her family.

She was an avid NASCAR fan. She enjoyed her needlework and spending time with her family.

She is survived by a brother, Paul (Maggie) Traxler of Greenville, S.C.; a sister, Phyllis Kearns of LaOtto; a son, Larry (Pam) Dickerson of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Catherine Day of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Patricia (Bob) Davis of Waterloo, Clara (Corbett) Messer of Helmer, Leota Dickerson of Corunna and Dawn Hissong of Butler; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no service or calling.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, 2983 C.R. 427, Waterloo, IN 46793. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Dale Priko

GARRETT — Dale R. Priko, 51, died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at his home in Garrett.

Mr. Priko

Mr. Priko was a self-employed truck driver.

He was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association in Angola.

He was born June 27, 1958, in Chicago, Ill.., to Rudy and Eva Jean (Boring) Priko. They both preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter, Cheryl Priko of Garrett; a son, David Priko of Clarksville, Tenn.; and two brothers, Bill Priko of Lake Villa, Ill., and Terry Priko of Cincinnati, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Sally Bell

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Sally Sue Bell will be at noon Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bell, 66, died on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at her residence on Skinner Lake near Albion.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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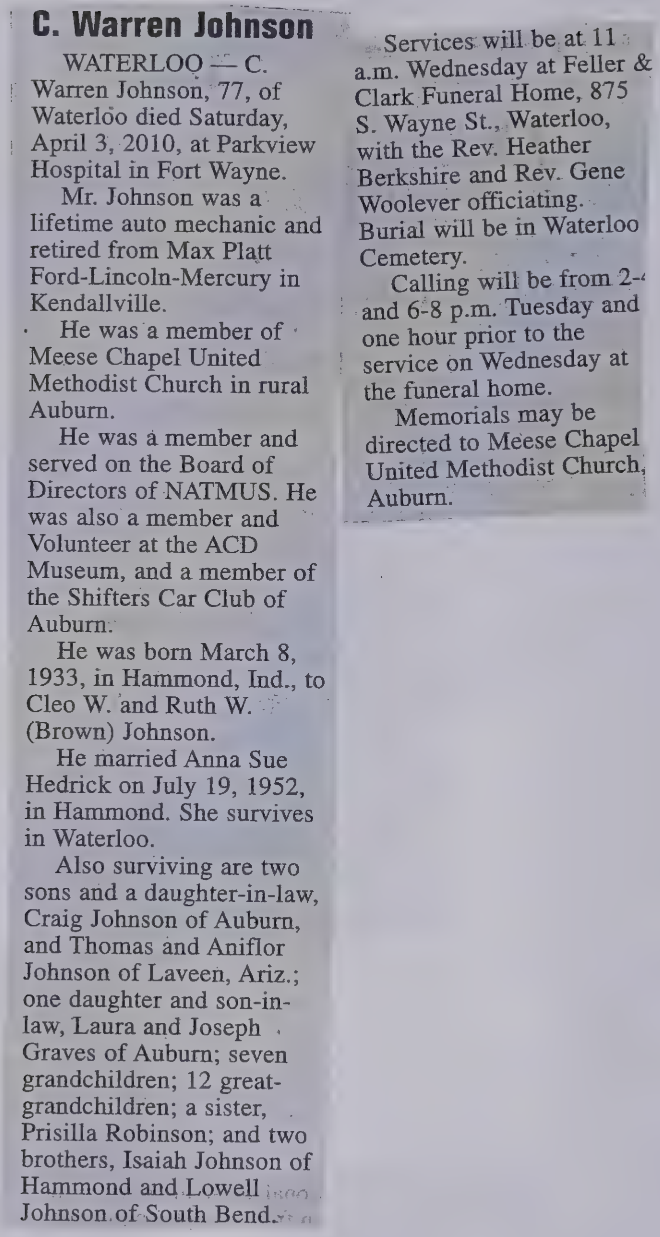

C. Warren Johnson

WATERLOO — C. Warren Johnson, 77, of Waterloo died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was a lifetime auto mechanic and retired from Max Platt Ford-Lincoln-Mercury in Kendallville.

He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

He was a member and served on the Board of Directors of NATMUS. He was also a member and Volunteer at the ACD Museum, and a member of the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

He was born March 8, 1933, in Hammond, Ind., to Cleo W. and Ruth W. (Brown) Johnson.

He married Anna Sue Hedrick on July 19, 1952, in Hammond. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Craig Johnson of Auburn, and Thomas and Aniflor Johnson of Laveen, Ariz.; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Joseph Graves of Auburn; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Prisilla Robinson; and two brothers, Isaiah Johnson of Hammond and Lowell Johnson of South Bend.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Heather Berkshire and Rev. Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2- and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn.

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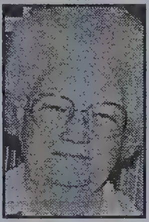
Sylvia Mallard

FREMONT — Sylvia E. Mallard, 92, of Fremont and formerly of Detroit, Mich., died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.


Mrs. Mallard

Mrs. Mallard was a longtime employee at Federal's Department Store in Detroit.

She had attended school in West Virginia and lived in the Warrendale Neighborhood District in Detroit, Mich., before moving to Fremont, Ind., in 2003.

Mrs. Mallard was a member of the Ford Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit.

She enjoyed camping, being outdoors and gardening.

She was born August 13, 1917, in Bee, West Virginia, to Thomas and Louisa (Sutherland) Ratliff. She married John Mallard June 10, 1976, in Detroit. He preceded her in death in 1995.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Jennifer and Kurt LaRose of Fremont, Ind., and Laura Shoudel of Angola, Ind.; and six great-grandchildren, Tony, Andrew and Nicholas LaRose of Fremont, Ind., Alec and John Callahan of Angola, Ind., and Michael Ader of Edon, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roger C. Shoudel who died March 17, 2003; her parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Barbara Spice

FLINT, Ind. — A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Flint Cemetery at Flint, Ind. for Barbara R. Spice. The Rev. Sandy Hutchens will officiate.

Mrs. Spice, 89, of Angola died Nov. 16, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Garry McKain

KENDALLVILLE — Garry McKain, 61, of Kendallville died Monday, April 5, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Opal Mobley

ANGOLA — Opal I. Mobley, 86, of Angola died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Mobley

Mrs. Mobley had retired as an inspector for Angola Die Cast.

She had lived in Steuben County since 1945.

She was born Jan. 10, 1924, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Raymond L. and Clara (Miller) Clark. They are deceased.

She married Charles W. Mobley on June 8, 1943. He died in January 1945 while serving in World War II.

Surviving are her caretaker, Brenda Burrell of Angola, Ind., and Brenda's family, Dan Burrell, Julie Marturello and Gary Burrell; and a brother, Ralph W. Clark of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers.

There will be no visitation or services.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Woodruff, Ind.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Wayne Kester

WATERLOO — E. Wayne Kester, 86, of Waterloo died Saturday April 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kester

Wayne was born January 16, 1924, in Waterloo to Emblem G. and Anna E. (Stansbury) Kester. They have both passed away.

He worked as a manager for Kroger's for 34 years, retiring in 1976. He then worked for Hickory Farms for over 10 years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Kendallville American Legion and the Waterloo VFW.

He served in the U.S. Army as a First Sergeant, Battery Division Artillery 71st Infantry, during World War II.

He was known as the "Boy Whistler." He whistled at the Indiana State Fair and several other places.

He married Lois E. Karlen on August 25, 1946 in Kendallville, and she died June 22, 2007.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Donald Kryder of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Diana Kester of Columbia City and Robert and Denise Kester of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Shannon Kester, Whitney Kester, Joseph Nalley, Amanda Kester, Kristy Kester, Daniel Kryder and Ashlie Kryder; and seven great-grandchildren, Jayda Kester, Jathyn Kester, Jo'syrs Kester Amaris Kester, Malyssa Nalley, Annette Nalley and Byron Nalley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister, Vera G. Madison.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN, and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

C. Warren Johnson

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Mr. Johnson was a lifetime auto mechanic and retired from Max Platt Ford-Lincoln-Mercury in Kendallville.

He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

Mr. Johnson was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War.

He was a member and served on the Board of Directors of NATMUS. He was also a member and Volunteer at the ACD Museum, and a member of the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

He was born March 8, 1933, in Hammond, Ind., to Cleo W. and Ruth W. (Brown) Johnson.

He married Anna Sue Hedrick on July 19, 1952, in Hammond. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Craig Johnson of Auburn, and Thomas and Aniflor Johnson of Laveen, Ariz.; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Joseph Graves of Auburn; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Prisilla Robinson; and two brothers, Isaiah Johnson of Hammond and Lowell Johnson of South Bend.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Heather Berkshire and Rev. Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church.

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Irene Collins

CORUNNA — Irene Collins, age 73, of Corunna, died on Monday, April 5, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Collins

She was born in Wayland, Kentucky, on August 6, 1936, to the late Green Robert and Sally Ann (Collins) Hicks. She married Rudolph Collins on November 23, 1971, in Clintwood, Virginia. Rudolph preceded her death on September 13, 1998.

Irene was a homemaker and member of the Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Irene was truly blessed to have a large family and many caring friends. She leaves her family and extended family behind to mourn her loss. They are: Raymond and Dorothy Collins of Kentucky, Reverend Willie Collie of Stroh, James and Judy Collins of Kendallville, Kern and Lena Collins of Kendallville, Sally and Ron Squires of Michigan, Denzil Hyler of Corunna, Robert Collins of Michigan City, Jerry and Jennifer Collins of Butler, Bernadine Mackey of Corunna, Bob and Judy Rollins of Kendallville; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and two sisters, Evelyn Lartigue of Florida and Princess Wheaton of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Junior Hicks in 2008, and three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. David Bolen. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Mary Raudenbush

SARASOTA, Fla. — Mary Ellen (Doran) Raudenbush, 90, of Sarasota and formerly of Berne died Friday, April 2, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Raudenbush was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Meadowland First Church of God in Sarasota, where she played the piano and organ, sang in a trio and taught Sunday school classes. While living in Indiana, she was a member of the Berne Garden Club.

Mrs. Raudenbush was a graduate of class of 1936 at Rockford High School, Rockford, Ohio.

She was born July 3, 1919, in Rockford, Ohio, to William E. and Fairy Ethel (Stover) Doran. She married Harry D. Raudenbush on Nov. 13, 1937, in Columbus, Ind. He died Feb. 21, 1997.

Surviving are four daughters, Melinda and Luther Lehman of Berne, Ind., Diane and William Kettleborough of Colorado Springs, Colo., June and Jerry Steffen of Auburn, Ind., and Leesa and Sandor Rendeczky of Sarasota, Fla.; a son, Michael and Nanine Raudenbush of Petaluma, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Patrick Raudenbush in 1983, and three brothers, Robert, Marcus and Jason Doran.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ind. Burial will be in Backesto Cemetery in rural Berne, Ind.

Calling will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Missionary Church in Berne, Ind., or Resurrection House Inc, 507 Kumquat Court, Sarasota, FL 34230.

To sign the online guestbook visit www.zwickjahn.com

Earl Galloway

KIMMELL — Earl L. Galloway, 88, of Kimmell died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Eugene Drzewiecki

MICHIGAN CITY — Eugene C. Drzewiecki, 79, of Michigan City, Indiana, passed away Monday, April 5, 2010, at 7 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Drzewiecki

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. CDT Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Queen of All Saint's Catholic Church, 606 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City, with the Rev. Terrence Chase officiating. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Michigan City.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. CDT Friday in the Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel, 418 Washington St., Michigan City and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. CDT at Queen of All Saint's Catholic Church. A Wake service will be conducted Friday at 5p.m. CDT in the Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel.

He was born January 28, 1931, in Michigan City, Indiana, to Walter and Bernice (Gralik) Drzewiecki. On January 30, 1954, in Michigan City he married Norma Sue Leslie, who preceded him on October 14, 1961. On February 16, 1963, in Michigan City, he married Joan R. Massonne, who survives Michigan City.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cathy (Andrew) Knouse, Michigan City; sons, Carl (Judy) Drzewiecki and Tony (Helen) Drzewiecki, both of Michigan City, and Thomas (Tina) Drzewiecki, owner of Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren survive, along with a brother, Ronald (Jeanette) Drzewiecki of Michigan City; and sister-in-law, Beverly Drzewiecki of Michigan City.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Drzewiecki.

Mr. Drzewiecki was a member of Queen of All Saint's Catholic Church, St. Joseph Young Men's Society and served for 11 years in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He was an avid gun shooting enthusiast who enjoyed hunting and trapping.

He worked in maintenance for Arno Tape, and then retired from the maintenance department from Sullair Manufacturing, Michigan City, and also for many years operated Eugene Drzewiecki Well Drilling Co.

Contributions may be made to Queen of All Saint's Catholic Church, 606 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360 or to the Share Foundation for the Handicapped, P.O. Box 400, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371.

To sign a guestbook and leave condolences online visit our Web site at www.otthaverstock.com

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Garry McKain

KENDALLVILLE — Garry "Pokey" McKain, 61, of Kendallville died Monday, April 5, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKain

Mr. McKain had been ailing for more than five years.

He had worked at Dalton Foundry in Kendallville, and had served as a union steward. He had previously worked as the maintenance man for Jay Varner's trailer park in Wolcottville.

He was born March 20, 1949, in Hanover, N.J., to Dalbert and Gerda (Woehle) McKain.

There are no survivors.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Don Ramey, Larry Polly, Marion Ritchie, Phil Short, David DePew and Jerry Wolfe.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Alphus Sherman

BALDWIN, Md. — Alphus H. "Jack" Sherman, age 78, of Baldwin, Md., died on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at his home.

Born in Sparks, Md., he was the son of the late Alphus Omega and Anna Lillian (Smith) Sherman.

Mr. Sherman

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served our country during the Korean conflict.

He retired, after 22 years with the Maryland State Police and then went to Martin Marietta where he was supervisor of security. Prior to his employment with the State Police, he worked on building the Glen L. Martin Mars Sea Plane.

Mr. Sherman is survived by his wife, Sally Greenfield Sherman of Baldwin, Md.; sons, Michael Wayne Sherman Sr. and wife, Jacki Altimus Sherman, of Whiteford, Md., and Matthew Warren Sherman, and wife, Judith Lovell Sherman, of Delta, Pa.; daughters, Amy Jeanette Sherman Heitmuller and husband, Lawrence, of Delta, Pa., Elizabeth (Kathy) Sherman Toon of Clarksville, Tenn., Lois Lorrette Sherman Altimus and husband, James U. Altimus Jr., of Ozark, Ark., and Lillian Christine Sherman Mahoney and husband, Dana, of Clarksville, Tenn; his grandchildren, Amy Tart, David Heitmuller, Daniel Heitmuller, Shannon Leigh Praschak and husband, Danny, Brendan Jacob Earl, Cody Allen Earl, Austin Lee Earl, Nathan Praschak, Austin (Scooter) Praschak, Dylan Praschak, Andrea Lorraine Meden, Heather Rae Toon Gray and husband, Michael, Jessica Paige Toon, Abigail Marie Altimus, Charles Russell Altimus, Kellie Ann Mahoney, Michael Wayne Sherman Jr., and Christopher James Sherman; his great-grandchildren, Faith, Noah and Levi Tart, Nathaniel and Caleb Heitmuller, Layton Carter Gray, and Jacen Wayne Sherman; and two brothers, Robert David Sherman of Deaton, Md., and Michael Smith Sherman of Baltimore, Md.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Amy Annette Skinner Sherman, and his sisters, Marjory Mae Sherman Scarff and Hattie Elizabeth Moxley.

Funeral services were held at Fallston United Methodist Church, Fallston, Md., today, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, with Pastor James K. Johnson officiating. Interment was in the adjoining church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob Isennock, David Greenfield, John Estep, Ray Leard, J.D. Thomas, Michael Sherman Sr., Matthew Sherman and Lawrence Heitmuller. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Sherman Jr., Christopher Sherman, David Hetimuller, Daniel Heitmuller and Christopher Tart.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Maryland State Police Troopers Association, Lodge 96, 1401 Bel Air Road, Bel Air, MD 21014.

McComas Funeral Home in Abidgdon, Md., was in charge of arrangements.

Memory tributes may be sent to the family at mccomasfuneralhome.com

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Mildred Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Mildred E. Leazier, 82, of rural Churubusco, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at her home in Green Township.

Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Corinne K. Boruff, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46202

To leave an online condolence, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
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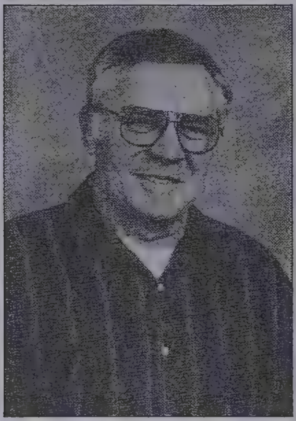
John D. Kline, 69



ALBION – John D. Kline, 69, of Albion went home to be with his Lord and Savior after a long battle with diabetes on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 9:40 A.M. at the Parkview Community Hospital in Kendallville.

John was born on December 23, 1940 in Kendallville to the late Alfred and Mildred (Coffelt) Kline. On Decmber 17, 1960 in the E.U.B. Church in Albion he married Diana (Rathke) Kline. She survives in Albion and they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary later this year.

He retired from Group Dekko after 20 years of service in maintaince. Prior to that he worked 13 years for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and a few years for Conrail. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and loved to spend time out in his garage building and tearing apart different things. He also loved to drive his kids around the yard on his tractor.

He is survived by his wife Diana (Rathke) Kline; one son, Jon M. Kline of Auburn; two daughters, Janetta and John Martinez of Defiance, Ohio and Joanna M. Kline of Auburn; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; four brothers, Kurb and Sharon Kline of Mansfield, Ohio, Kenny Kline of Kendallville, Jim and Diane Kline of Kendallville, and Larry and Terry Kline of Kendallville; three sisters, Pat Geinger of Kendallville, Sue Meyers of Chico C.A. and Mary Parvu of Kendallville.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier officiated the service. Cremation followed the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to the diabetes foundation or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visitwww.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Elizabeth May Sage, 72

Elizabeth Mae Sage, age 72, of Kendallville died on Friday, April 2, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Ms. Sage was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on December 11, 1937 to Gerald M. and Leona B. (Potter) Sage. Her father preceded her death.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1956.

Liz was employed with McCray Hospital as a Registered Central Supply Technician for 32 years before she retired in 1991 and she was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Survivors include: her mother, Leona Sage, Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla; sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Dave Windle of Kendallville; nephews, Brett Sage, Brad Sage and Gary Sage all of Kendallville; neices, Kim Bolen and Michelle Windle both of Kendallville.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Violet Hawk, 93

Violet Hawk, 93, a former resident of Merriam and widow of J. C. Hawk, passed away at 1:20 a. m. on Thursday, April 2, 2010 at Woodview Health Care in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since August.

Mrs. Hawk was born on October 30, 1916 in Merriam, a daughter of Edward and Erma Letitia (Keister) Zumbrun, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1936. As a young woman she worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City for six years until 1942.

On June 17, 1939 she was married near Merriam to J. C. Hawk, and lived all of her adult life in the Merriam-area until moving to Fort Wayne in 2001 to be near her daughter.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren, Whitley County.

Mr. Hawk preceded her in death on April 17, 2001.

The surviving relatives include her daughter Kay Ann Hawk of Fort Wayne; a sister Zora Tanner of Angola; a grandson Nathaniel Lee Hawk of Jacksonville, Fla; and a great-granddaughter Taylor Renee Hawk.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son Terry L. Hawk on July 20, 1976; and by two brothers Delbert Zumbrun and Oras Zumbrun.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040 East 700 North, Whitley County.

Pastors Craig Alan Myers and Keith Moore officiated.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church's mission fund or deacon's fund.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Hawk's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net*

Bernard Mallery, 85

Bernard Mallery, age 85, of Wawaka, died on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

He was born in Glover Gap, West Virginia on October 29, 1924 to the late Norval and Nettie Mallery.

Bernard attended the Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

He loved to play the piano and "Amazing Grace" was his favorite song.

Bernard also loved to cook at which he was very good!

Survivors include: his special friend, Johnny Cole of Wawaka; his god-children, Kristopher and John Cole both of Wawaka; sister, Millie Dougherty of North Carolina; brother, Glen Mallery of Radford, Virginia; sister-in-law, Laura Mallery of Wheeling, West Virginia; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a special friend, Sylvia Cole who passed away Sept. 1, 2008 and three brothers, Lester, Boyd and Rex Mallery.

Graveside funeral services were Friday, April 2, 2010 at Orange Cemetery.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Verne Leininger.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Mildred Hite

KENDALVILLE — Mildred Hite, age 89, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hite was born in Pierceton, Indiana, on December 8, 1920, to the late Lyman Mark and Fannie Fern (Clover) Faulkner.

She married Harold M. Hite on July 26, 1940, in Ligonier. Harold preceded her death December 15, 1989.

She and Harold founded Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville in 1949. She was dedicated for many years to the daily operation of the funeral home, as well as service to the community of Kendallville.

Mildred was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where she was actively volunteered much her time to the church and the Lutheran Life Villages where she resided the past nine years.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Marietta Hite of Kendallville and Gary and Becky Hite of El Paso, Texas; her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Rick Claussen of South Milford; 12 grandchildren, Michelle Grimm, Natalie Hite, Janelle Foster, Dawn Bartels, Darrin Claussen, Aimee Oldham, Seth Claussen, Gary Lee Hite, Noell Vogel, Jason Hite, Andrew Hite and Matthew Hite; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Raymond and Robert Faulkner, and her sister, Fern Swonger.

Visitation will be Friday, April 9, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with an hour of calling prior to the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Life Villages of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Betsy Borkholder

GOSHEN — Betsy Arlowene Borkholder, 75, of Goshen died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at her residence.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at home of Larry Borkholder, 14835 C.R. 34, Goshen. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturdayat the same residence.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewart funeralhome.com

John Francis Fugate

AUBURN — John Francis Fugate, 53, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Fugate worked in maintenance for Indian Springs Campground.

He was a very active member and also served as a deacon for One Truth Christian Outreach in Ashley.

He loved camping, working on automobiles, and being around children.

He was born on June 1, 1956, in Garrett, to Zack and Opal (Banks) Fugate.

He married Rosalie Hunter on April 20, 1985, in Kendallville, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sherrie Fugate of Kentucky, Frances and Terry Schull of Kendallville, and Tiffany Fugate of Auburn; a son, James Hunter of Auburn; 12 grandchildren; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Viola and David Clair of Crestline, Ohio, Joyce and Ed Cook of Monticello, Ky., Anita and Lester Rhodes of Auburn, Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary and Rick Maggert of Auburn; a brother-in-law, Christopher McPherson of Auburn; and his dog, Damion.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beatrice McPherson; and a brother, Rudell Fugate.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Slone officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Rosalie Fugate.

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Betty Ashbrook

FREMONT — Betty June Ashbrook, 70, of Jimmerson Lake, Fremont, died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Ashbrook had retired as housekeeping supervisor at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park. She had formerly worked for 30 years as a welder at Maramount Inc. in Chickasha, Okla.

Mrs. Ashbrook

She had moved to the Nevada Mills and Fremont areas in 1985 from Oklahoma.

She was born Dec. 3, 1939, in LaGrange County to Chancey and Wuanita (Wilson) Ringler. She married Harold Ashbrook on July 17, 1959. He preceded her in death May 19, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Tina and Larry Brubaker of Fremont and Cathy Moon and Bobby Cole of Angola; five sons, Terry Ringler and Nina Davis, Thomas Ashbrook, Tony and Lisa Ashbrook, and Curtis and Melanie Ashbrook, all of Fremont, and Coty and Shawn Ashbrook of Sartell, Minn.; 23 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Bonnie Terry of LaGrange; and five brothers, Wayne and Judy Ringler and Max Ringler, all of Fremont, Sam and Sharon Ringler of Mongo, Bill Ringler of LaGrange and Raymond and Bobbie Ringler of Franklin, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Robert "Bonz" Ashbrook; and a brother, Jerry Ringler.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be at a later date at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

A family picnic and gathering in Mrs. Ashbrook's honor will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Selman Pavilion at the Angola Park in Angola.

Memorials are to the family in care of Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Earl Riser

BUTLER — Earl E. Riser, 95, died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Riser retired from Bohn Aluminum and delivered newspapers for The Evening Star for 16 years.

He was born on April 8, 1915, in DeKalb County to John and Ethel (Gaff) Riser.

Surviving are two sons, Victor (Jeanne) Riser of Boardman, Ohio, and John Riser of Butler; a daughter, Rajena Woodworth of Ashtabula, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dennis Riser.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Connie Albertson

BUTLER — Connie K. Albertson, 62, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Veterans Hospital.

Mrs. Albertson was a graduate of DeKalb High School.

She was a U.S. Army veteran.

She was born Sept. 23, 1947, in Auburn to Lester and Helen (Grobis) Osbun. She married Charles Albertson on March 10, 1979, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William (Amanda) Albertson of Philadelphia and Gary (Angie) Osbun of Auburn; two daughters, Elizabeth (Jeremy) Dohm of Edgerton, Ohio, and Heather (Robert) Paquin of Judsonia, Ark.; five brothers; one sister; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Free Bible Tabernacle Church in Butler with Pastor Charles Witt officiating. Military honors will be by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnson.com

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The family of Don J. Myers wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts that were sent after his death. a special thanks to CarlDean Merrifield for performing the funeral, the ladies of the Mongo United Methodist Church for the delicious dinner, and the Mongo Fire Dept. for their moving farewell.

Also, thanks to the entire Mongo community for their thoughtful gifts of food. Thank you, too, to Frurip-May Funeral Home for all they did to make this difficult time easier.

Phyllis Myers
Pam & Scott Smith & family
Tammy Hogan, Vivan & Pat White
Donna & Jon Slone & family
Kenneth & Joanie Myers & family
Nichole & Anthony Bontrager & family
Danny & Josalyn Burlew & family

William Elden

ANGOLA — William D. Elden, 68, of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Goshen.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Donald D. Eldridge

AUBURN — Donald D. Eldridge, 79, of Auburn died Wednesday April 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral home in Auburn.

Earl Galloway

KIMMELL — Earl L. Galloway, 88, of Kimmell, died of natural causes at 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mr. Galloway was a lifetime area resident.

He was a lifetime farmer and had worked as a mechanic at Charlie's Sunoco in Ligonier for more than 25 years.

Mr. Galloway was a 1940 graduate of Cromwell High School.

He was life member of the Moose Lodge in Kendallville.

He was born December 14, 1921, in Noble County to Floyd and Mae (Hoover) Galloway. He married Helen Amick on September 16, 1972. She survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are his four children, Harold Galloway of North Webster, Carroll and Linda Galloway of Ligonier, Jerry Galloway of Roanoke and Ronnie and Robin Galloway of Cromwell; a stepdaughter, Cindy and Daniel Chalfant of Land O Lakes, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Melvin and Don Galloway.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Linclolnway South, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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April 9, 2010, Friday

Boy, 4, killed in lawn accident

BY WANDA YODER
wyoder@kpcnews.net

TOPEKA — A 4-year-old boy died Wednesday afternoon after being rolled over by a 3,200-pound lawn roller.

Kevin Eugene Bontrager, son of Ernie and Miriam (Borkholder) Bontrager, was pronounced dead at 5:05 p.m. at the family home on C.R. 200S, west of Emma.

"The boy was running from his brothers and ran behind the roller as his father backed up," said LaGrange County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Flowers. "It is a sad thing, very sad."

LaGrange County dispatch reported that they received the emergency call at 4:51 p.m. and LaGrange County EMS responded within minutes. EMS personnel and Topeka first responders cared for the boy but his injuries were too severe.

The accident is being investigated by the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and the LaGrange County Coroner's Office, although a sheriff's department news release stated there is nothing suspicious about the incident.

Kevin Bontrager was born Sept. 1, 2005, in Middlebury. He has two brothers at home, Myron Lynn and Darin Jay Bontrager. Calling will be today at the family residence, 7430 W. C.R. 200 S, Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary is on page A4.

Kevin Bontrager

TOPEKA — Kevin Eugene Bontrager, age 4, died Wednesday April 7, 2010 at 5:05 p.m. as a result from an accident at his home in Topeka.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Sept. 1, 2005, in Middlebury to Ernie E. and Miriam S. (Borkholder) Bontrager.

Other survivors include two brothers, Myron Lynn Bontrager and Darin Jay Bontrager, both at home; his maternal grandparents, Samuel and Esther (Yoder) Borkholder of Middlebury; his paternal grandmother, Mary Ann (Yoder) Bontrager of LaGrange; his maternal great-grandmother, Elva L. (Miller) Yoder of Middlebury, and his paternal great-grandfather, Levi Bontrager of Shipshewana. Also survivng are many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Perry Bontrager.

Calling will be all day today at the family residence, 7430 W. C.R. 200S, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at the Jerry L. and Edna Lambright residence, 6800 W. C.R. 200S, Topeka. Bishop Daniel Otto and the home ministers will officiate.

Burial will be at Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana. Pallbearers will be Joe Otto, Earl Beechy, Roman Lambright and Lester Yoder.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Eldridge

AUBURN — Donald D. Eldridge, 79, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Eldridge

Don was born in DeKalb County on June 2, 1930, to Edward E. and Arvilla F. (DeLong) Eldridge and they have both passed away.

Don graduated from Garrett High School in 1948. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving during the Korean conflict.

He was an electronic technician for Magnavox for 34 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God where he was very active and involved with their Food Bank program. He was a former Scout Master at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 1967 to 1972 and was an avid Cubs fan since 1941.

He married Sharon A. Marker on September 8, 1956, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry W. and Mary Lou Eldridge of Butler and Michael A. and Kathy Eldridge of Canton, Mich.; a daughter, Millie E. Malcolm of Garrett; a sister, Pearl Ebnit of Sun City, Calif.; six grandchildren, Jon (Robin) Eldridge, David Eldridge, Jeremy Malcolm, Nathan Malcolm, Meaghan Eldridge and Joshua Eldridge; a great-granddaughter, Sage Eldridge; and a great-grandson due to be born in May, Devon Eldridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Frank Eldridge; and a sister in infancy.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the Indian Village Church of God. The Rev. Lloyd Harlan and Rev. Raymond Warner will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials can be directed to the Indian Village Food Bank.

Lucienne Spreuer

LAGRANGE — Lucienne A. Spreuer, 85, of LaGrange, Ind., died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Spreuer

Mrs. Spreuer had lived in LaGrange County since 1960.

She was a homemaker and a former bookkeeper.

Mrs. Spreuer was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, and Mu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1924, in Elkhart, Ind., to Donald A. and Fern A. (Bartmess) Shank. She married Philip M. Spreuer on March 20, 1960, in Elkhart. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Carl Stoltz of Topeka, Ind.; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ellen Herrli of Goshen, Joan Vantine of Watertown, Wis., and Sally Stump of Petoskey, Mich.; three brothers, James N. Shank of Elkhart, Donald Shank of White Pigeon, Mich., and Lawton Shank of Howe, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Sharon Bibeau and Janice Mullen; and a brother, Frederick D. Shank.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 209 W. Spring St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Betty Greenfield

AUBURN — Betty M. Greenfield, 87, of Auburn died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at New Haven Care and Rehab.

Ms. Greenfield worked for 22 years for the County Line Cheese Co. in rural Auburn. After moving to Florida, she managed a miniature golf course for more than four years.

She attended the Auburn Alliance Church in Auburn. She also volunteered at Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Fla., for more than 10 years.

She was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Auburn, to Earl and Birdie (Ruhl) Glass.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Carolyn Kruse of Auburn, James and Karen Kruse of Kendallville and David L. and Jennifer Kruse of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Margaret Eminhiser of Monroeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Jim Mettert of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Florence Myers and Mary Donelly.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Childs Evangelism of Auburn.

Maggie Groh

KENDALLVILLE — Maggie Groh, 70, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Parview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

William Elden

ANGOLA — William "Bill" Elden, 68, of Angola, Ind., and formerly of Sylvania, Ohio, passed away Tuesday April 6, 2010, of a short, but courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Elden

Bill was born January 17, 1942 in Toledo, Ohio, to John E. and Julia (McEvers) Elden. On May 6, 1962, Bill married Virginia "Jinny" Daso whom he met during high school.

Bill grew up in Sylvania, Ohio. He was in business with his brothers with Elden Bros. Draperies until 1976. He then ventured out with his own drapery businesses.

He moved his family to Foster City, Calif., where he lived for five years and then ventured back to Sylvania, Ohio.

His love for the water brought him to Angola, Ind., where he and his wife have resided for the past 20 years. There he started Elden's Blind Factory.

He was a member of the Sylvania Moose Lodge, Angola Elks, Spuyten Duyval Golf Course at Sylvania, Ohio, and the Lake James Golf Course.

He enjoyed golf, fishing, boating, his family and his friends. But most of all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his beloved wife, Virginia "Jinny" Elden, whom he has been married to almost 48 years; his three children, Bill and his wife Melissa of Terre Haute, Ind., Kari and her husband Jeff Minch of Auburn, Ind., and Tina and her husband Scott Essenberg of Angola, Ind.; five grandchildren, Jeremy and Victoria Elden of Terre Haute, Ind., Jeffrey and Hunter Minch of Auburn, Ind., and Madison Essenberg of Angola, Ind.; three brothers, John B. and his wife Marge Elden of Ohio, Roy Elden of Tennessee and Lucky and his wife Karen Elden of Florida.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held 11a.m. Monday, April 12, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Ind., with one hour of visitation prior to the service with Pastor Wayne Christensen officiating.

A Celebration Reception will follow the service at the Angola Elks Lodge.

Memorials are to the Center for Cancer Care, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Betty Westfall

CAMDEN, Mich. — Betty Elizabeth Westfall, 84, of Camden died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Westfall had been employed at the Camden-Frontier Schools for more than 30 years, retiring in 1992. She had also taken tickets at the school ball games and cooked for the senior citizens dinners at the school.

She attended New Hope United Brethren Church for many years.

She was born July 3, 1925, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Edmond and Carrie (Hawley) Huston. She married Clayton Westfall on Dec. 14, 1946. He preceded her in death in 1968.

Surviving are three daughters, Vicki and Clarence Wammes of Reading, Mich., Nikki and William Hendershot of Hillsdale, Mich., and Teri and Jess Dunn of Coldwater, Mich.; two sons, Kim and Cindi Westfall and Tim and Victoria Westfall, all of Montgomery, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Dawn Hutchins of Reading, Mich.; two sisters, Eva Hand and Hazel Huston, both of Montpelier, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four sisters; four brothers; a son, Kap Westfall; a daughter and son-in-law, Trudy and Tom Midtgard; and a son-in-law, Charles Walker.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Camden Missionary Church with Pastor Brian Colby officiating. Burial will be in Woodbridge Township Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich.

Memorials are to the Camden Library or the charity of the donor's choice.

Virgil Andrews

ANGOLA — Virgil Andrews, 68, of Angola died Saturday, March 27, 2010, in Angola.

Celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Carol Balser, at 460 N. Creek Bank Road, Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, IN 46703.

Sign the guestbook online at www.weicthfh.com

Ward Jameson

O'FALLON, Mo. — Ward K. Jameson, 77, of O'Fallon died Sunday, March 28, 2010, in O'Fallon.

Mr. Jameson had owned and operated the Western Auto and Radio Shack Store in Auburn, Ind., from 1969 to 1980.

He retired from Tru Value Hardware in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jameson was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was born and raised in Bradyville, Tenn.

Surviving are his ex-wife, Jeanette Jameson of Warrenton, Mo.; two sons, Ward Jr. and Tiffany Jameson of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Keith Jameson of Warrenton, Mo.; two daughters, Debbie and Don Terasaki of Dallas, Texas, and Diane and Chris Williams of Warrenton, Mo.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

A funeral Mass was said at Pitman Funeral Home in Warrenton, Mo., with military rites.

Burial was in Bradyville, Tenn.

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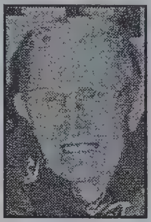
Lawrence Heiny

AVILLA — Lawrence Henry "Larry" Heiny, age 89, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



Mr. Heiny

He was born September 7, 1920, to Lawrence Earhart and Stella Marie (Loos) Heiny.

Mr. Heiny lived in Fort Wayne from the time of his birth until 1967, then lived at Skinner Lake from 1967 until 1995.

He attended St. Patrick's Catholic School and graduated from South Side High School in 1939. He also attended the Divine Word Seminary in Wisconsin.

Mr. Heiny moved to LaVerna Terrace in Avilla in 1995 where he donated 10 years of his life tending to his wife, Dollie, who had Alzheimer's Disease. He married Dollie Marie Hooks in Fort Wayne on January 2, 1950. She died in 2006. They were married for 56 years.

He was raised in the grocery business, and worked for Heiny's Grocery and at Nicholas Bakeries for five years, and retired from Lincoln Manufacturing in 1982.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He was also a past member of the 3rd Order of the Saint Francis Society, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. While living at LaVerna Terrace, he used his three-wheeled bike to ride the grounds daily and pick up trash. His hobbies were carpentry, volunteering at Provena Sacred Heart Home and running errands for his neighbors.

Larry was a fine example of one who could silently enjoy helping others. Family and friends will remember him most fondly as a gentle soul.

Surviving are a son, Lawrence J. Heiny; a grandson, Shannon Amerosa; three granddaughters; two brothers, Nicholas Heiny, and Robert Heiny, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Victoria Fahey of Glenview, Illinois.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Cathy Nevil in 1988; a brother, Joseph Heiny; and a sister, Rosemary Bucklin.

Funeral services for Mr. Heiny will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the funeral. A rosary service will conducted at 10:45 a.m. Father Dan Leu will officiate.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart or to Masses.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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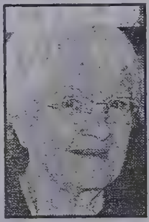
Jane Williamson


Mrs. Williamson

ANGOLA — Jane Eleanor (Atha) Williamson, Angola, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, at the age of 86, surrounded by her loving family. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

Jane was born September 12, 1923 in Angola, Indiana, the daughter of William Howard Atha and Hazel Helen Atha. She grew up in rural Angola, Indiana, and graduated from Scott Center High School in 1941.

She married her sweetheart, Ralph M. Williamson, on March 29, 1947. Ralph and Jane had just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. He survives.

She worked for Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, Indiana, and retired after 15 years.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Scott Homemakers Club, and the Fremont American Legion Axillary.

Ralph and Jane enjoyed their winters in Florida. She loved to spend time with her family, and enjoyed playing the piano, knitting, cooking, gardening, being outdoors, and family trips.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph M. Williamson of Angola, Indiana; two daughters, Sharon and Harley Dodge of Missouri City, Texas, and Shirlee and Marty Mitchell of Coldwater, Mich.; six grandchildren, Lisa and Mark Veich, Brian and Lisa Dodge, Lynda and Jeff Kipp, Amy and Glen Kelly, Christa Dodge, and Leslie Brown; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, James Atha of Fremont, Indiana; and one sister-in-law, Elsie Williamson of Angola, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ralph Lindsay Williamson, died in 1981; and one brother, William Howard Atha Jr.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Indiana.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the funeral home with the Rev. Alvin Covell officiating.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery at Fremont, Indiana. A celebration of Mrs. Williamson's life will follow the services at the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Keith Notestine

TERRE HAUTE — Keith O. Notestine, 73, of Terre Haute and formerly of Elkhart died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009.

Mr. Notestine was the owner of K & K Truck Sales and served as president of the Cleveland Little League when he lived in Elkhart.

There will be visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the LaGrange Church of God Fellowship Hall, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange. Burial will follow in Mongo Community Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to any veterans' organization or to the American Cancer Society.

Cyril Coburn Sr.

GARRETT, Ky. — Cyril H. Coburn Sr. of Garrett, Ky., and formerly of Kendallville died March 30, 2010, at Riverview Manor.

Funeral services were held April 3 at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, Ky.

Burial was in Marin Family Cemetery in Eastern, Ky.

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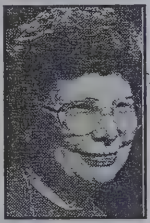
Mabel Eldridge

AUBURN — Mabel M. Eldridge, 86, of Auburn went to be with the Lord Friday April 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home.

Born February 18, 1924, in rural DeKalb County, she was the daughter of Ralph W. and Martha I. Humbert.

She had worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for over 40 years, retiring in 1984.


Mrs. Eldridge

She was a member of Indian Village Church of God and a volunteer at the church food bank.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward and Kathy Eldridge of Auburn and Richard Eldridge of Auburn; grandsons, Jason Scattergood and Dennis Shutt Jr.; great-grandchildren, Brandon Eldridge, Austin Wakeman and Ashlee Wakeman; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma Sherck of Waterloo, Wanita and Don Hisey of Auburn and Fern and Kenny Wilcoxson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank E. Eldridge; a granddaughter, Angie Eldridge; her parents; and a sister, Irene Diedrich.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, with calling one hour prior, at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

To sign the on line guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Richard Nusbaum

KENDALLVILLE — Richard J. Nusbaum, 85, of Kendallville died at 1:10 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Nusbaum was a custodian at Goshen College for 15 years and a taxi driver for nine years.

Mr. Nusbaum

He was a member of Liberty Community Church, and a World War II veteran. He was also active in Men for Missions, served in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Hawaii and Puerto Rico and sang with several quartets.

He was born March 1, 1925, in Elkhart County, to Oliver and Iva (Hooley) Nusbaum. He married Velma Kauffman on Aug. 25, 1945, in Middlebury.

Survivors include five daughters, Kathy Jordan of Fort Wayne, Mary (Ron) Becker of Kendallville, Nancy Morris of Elkhart, Patty (Ron) Eutsey of Shipshewana and Jessie (Gerry) Puffer of Goshen; a son, Richard J. Nusbaum of South Bend; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Nusbaum of Middlebury; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen (Ted) Stouder of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Gerald, Leroy and Lloyd; and three brothers, Harold, Hubert, Robert. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at funeral home with the Rev. Matt Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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Jessta Trethric

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Jessta Jean (Bonecutter) Trethric, 92, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Sarasota, Fla., and formerly of Bronson, Mich., and Butler, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in Sarasota, Fla., of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

She was born Jan. 2, 1918, on South Snow Prairie Road, Bronson, Mich., to Jesse and Mabel (Konst) Bonecutter. She was the third of seven children. She married Lauren Trethric in 1966. He preceded her in death in 1996. She previously was married to Lincoln Fair. They divorced, and he is now deceased.

As a child, she moved several times between Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. After graduation, she attended International Business College in Fort Wayne and worked summers at the Potawatomi Inn in Angola. After her marriage, she worked for Douglas Manufacturing Co. and L.A. Darling Co. in Bronson. She then moved to Battle Creek and worked for attorney James Dunn and then at the Federal Center, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by three daughters, Ginger Jacobson of Battle Creek, Mich., and Sarasota, Fla., Phyllis Paul of Maple Valley, Wash., and Lila Paul and her husband, Ken, of Delton, Mich.; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She also has four surviving siblings, Mareta Mutzfeld of Auburn, Clarence Bonecutter and his wife, Joan, of Butler, Annabelle Bible and her husband, Willis, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Maurice Bonecutter and his wife, Dorothy, of Auburn.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Bennett, and a brother, Paul Bonecutter.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Royal Funeral Home in Battle Creek handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of South Central Michigan, 2500 Watkins Road, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

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Maggie Groh

KENDALLVILLE — Maggie Groh, age 70, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Groh was born near Quicksand, Kentucky, in Knott County on August 10, 1939, to Taulby and Delana Roberta (Shepherd) Handshoe. Her father died at a young age in 1948.

Mrs. Groh

She married Paul A. Groh on June 14, 1964, in Kendallville and he preceded her death June 21, 1985.

Maggie was a homemaker and did a lot of baby-sitting and taking care of her family for many years.

She loved gardening and tending to her flowers and attending church. She was a dedicated member of Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

Survivors include her mother, Delana Roberta Terry of Kendallville; two daughters, Jackie Delana Hammel of Kendallville and Vickie L. Groh-Roberts of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Kirsty Delana Hammel and James Paul William Baker, both of Kendallville; a stepson, Jerry Groh; a stepdaughter, Judy Everidge; a brother, Oscar and Ollie Handshoe of Kendallville; a stepsister, Dorothy Ramey of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Radie Terry of West Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Edith Conley; two stepsisters, Laura Ramey and Flora Hoover; and four stepbrothers, Chester, Curtis, John Arnold, and Clark Terry.

Visitation will be today, Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Visitation will also be Sunday anytime after 3 p.m. at Community Baptist Church with evening services at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 12, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Leburn Combs, the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Rick Davis.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dessie Stayner

ANGOLA — Dessie Marie Stayner, 92, of Angola died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Stayner was a homemaker. She had worked at Booth Poultry Farm and at Keyes Grocery and Drug Store.

Mrs. Stayner

She was a 1935 graduate of Salem Center High School.

Mrs. Stayner had been a 4-H club leader for many years. She was a member of the Fremont TOPPS organization and the Millponders Home Economics Club.

She was born May 19, 1917, in Steuben County to Russel and Gladys (Ebel) Wilcox. She married Albert W. Stayner in 1936 and he preceded her in death July 29, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Nathan and Deana Stayner of Angola; two daughters, Judith and John Heinrich of Wading River, N.Y., and Carol and Les Loynes of Elsie, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maxine Ernsberger of Helmer.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Virgil Wilcox.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery at Orland.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging or the Steuben County 4-H Club.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Thomas Eckrich

CLEAR LAKE — Thomas J. Eckrich, 72, Clear Lake, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Eckrich

Born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 10, 1937 to Herman and Pauline Eckrich, Tom attended Central Catholic High School and then the University of Notre Dame.

He had numerous positions with Peter Eckrich & Sons before venturing into real estate development. His first project was Canterbury Green, which led to many more apartment projects in Fort Wayne, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Texas and Ohio. He also branched into commercial and residential developments in Fort Wayne including the Sycamore Hills residential community.

A strong advocate of Fort Wayne, Tom was a past Chamber of Commerce chairman, sat on multiple boards and advised numerous start-up companies. Tom was very involved in his Catholic faith, and was instrumental in starting the Little Flower Holy Hour at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

His life passions included time with family, sailing, woodworking, golf and water skiing (3rd place at 1956 Nationals).

Tom was involved in many organizations including the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Clear Lake Yacht Club (past Commodore), Notre Dame Club, Big Brothers, Indiana Apartment Association, St. Paul's Catholic Church in Clear Lake, Ind., Franciscan Missions, Fort Wayne Business Forum and Young Presidents Organization.

In 1957 he married his grade school sweetheart, Sally Schenkel, who was his greatest supporter and best friend. They had five children: Tom Jr. (Katie), Ann (David) Arnold and Chris (Carol Ann) all of Fort Wayne, Bill (Kathleen) of Indianapolis, and Tony (Lora) of Gross Pointe, Mich. He is also survived by his 18 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and brothers Herman (Jeanne) of Darien, Conn., and David (Judy) of South Bend.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 8780E C.R. 700N, Fremont, Ind., with calling one hour prior to Mass. Fr. Phil Schneider will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will also be at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road on Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with a Rosary at 8:30 p.m.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Garl Penrod

COLUMBIA CITY — Garl E. Penrod, 88, of Columbia City, die Thursday, April 8, 20109 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Northern Indiana Funeral Care in Fort Wayne.

For further information call (877) 382-2756.

Dorothy Edsall

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Edsall, 76, of Kendallville, died Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

James Cavada

ORLAND — James E. Cavada, 57, of Orland died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2010 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Barbara Ann Hutcheson

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Ann Hutcheson, 52, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 4, 2010 at her residence.

No services are scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Lemper

CARTHAGE, N.C. — Betty Lemper, 85, of Carthage passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Pinehurst, N.C.

She was born August 7, 1924, to Paul and Bessie Freeman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Lemper; her parents; and six siblings.

She is survived by one brother, Jack Freeman of Bokeelia, Fla.; a daughter, Carole Lemper of Greensboro, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Robert Wesner of Carthage, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Kathy Lemper of Garrett, Ind.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two daughters in her heart, Mary K. Graf and Debra Pompeo of Greensboro, N.C.

Her remains will be buried next to her husband in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Moore Humane Society in Carthage, N.C.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines is serving the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.bolesfuneralhome.com

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Student killed in ATV crash

Angola woman was in senior year at Ball State

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ORLAND — A 23-year-old Steuben County woman was killed as a result of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) crash late Saturday, according to Indiana Conservation Officers.

Hamilton

Abigail Jo Ann Hamilton of Angola, a Ball State University student, was pronounced dead at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Orland fire and rescue crews responded to an ATV accident in a swampy area about one quarter of a mile south of S.R. 120, west of Orland, just before 11 p.m. Saturday evening. Joshua Croy, 25, Kendallville, was driving the ATV at the time of the accident, conservation officers said.

Croy was unfamiliar with the area and entered a low-lying field that included water and large logs. The ATV struck a log, sending the vehicle airborne. The ATV landed 76 feet from its riders.

Croy was taken to Cameron Hospital, Angola, for treatment of

ATV: *Kendallville man's condition not released*

unspecified injuries. His condition was not released.

Hamilton was a student at Ball State University and would have graduated in May with a bachelor's degree. She was a 2005 graduate of Angola High School where she participated in track and soccer, and was a cheerleader. She was the daughter of Thomas and Cathy (Allen) Hamilton of Angola.

She had attended Miss Sara's School of Dance for several years and had shown horses and ponies for 10 years with the Bit and Bridle 4-H Club in Steuben County.

A complete obituary for Hamilton appears on Page A3.

Abigail Hamilton

ANGOLA — Abigail Jo Ann Hamilton, 23, of Angola died Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Ind.

Miss Hamilton

She was a student at Ball State University and would have graduated in May with a bachelor's degree.

Miss Hamilton was a 2005 graduate of Angola High School where she participated in track and soccer, and was a cheerleader.

She had attended Miss Sara's School of Dance for several years and had shown horses and ponies for 10 years with the Bit and Bridle 4-H Club in Steuben County.

She was born April 2, 1987, in Angola to Thomas and Cathy (Allen) Hamilton. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Robert and Donna Lou Allen of Pleasant Lake and Jo Ann Hamilton of Snow Lake at Fremont; and two brothers, Christopher and Melissa Hamilton of Pleasant Lake and Shaun Hamilton of Angola; a nephew, Logan Hamilton, and a niece, Cali Jo Hamilton, both of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Robert Hamilton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Bit and Bridle 4-H Club.

You may sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 12, 2010, Monday

Dorothy Edsall

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Ilene Edsall, age 76, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Mrs. Edsall was born in Kendallville on July 14, 1933, to the late John and Bernice Claire (Keck) Gienger.

Mrs. Edsall

She married Benjamin Larry Edsall on June 16, 1951, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was the office manager for Edsall Sales and Service in Kendallville and also sold Avon and Home Interiors. She retired from Dana-Epic in 1999 after several years of service.

Dorothy was a dedicated member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She liked to write poems and had a collection of writings. She enjoyed putting big picture puzzles together and creating family picture books.

Dorothy loved to cook and bake fancy cakes, tend to her flower gardens and work outside in her yard.

Of coarse, her family meant so much to her and she especially loved being with her grandkids.

Survivors include her husband, Ben Edsall of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deanna and John Carmichael of Avilla and Cindy Edsall of Kendallville; two sons, Steve Edsall of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and John Edsall of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carolyn and Wilbur Getts of Kendallville and Joan and Frank Young of Churubusco; a brother, Richard and Billie Gienger of Avilla; and a sister-in-law, Pat Gienger of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Travis Thomas Tuffley, who died October 20, 1992, and her brother, Merlin Eugene "Mert" Gienger, who died September 16, 2008.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 13, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at noon at St. John Lutheran Church, in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Chad Carnahan, Adam Edsall, Alix Edsall, Benjamin Tuffley, Kyle Tuffley and Derek Tuffley. Honorary bearers are her granddaughters, Stephanie Biddle, Brooke Edsall, Autumn Fincher, Lyndsey Edsall and Alixis and Alissa Edsall.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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William Alday

FORT WAYNE — William Alday, 69, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., William worked as a factory worker with Navistar for 31 years, retiring in 1994.

Bill was a loving father who cherished his grandchildren and enjoyed his hobbies especially wood working.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois (Karrick) Alday in 1980; his parents, Walter and Eva (Potter) Alday; and a brother, Walter Alday.

Surviving are his companion of 19 years, Audrey Ferryman of LaOtto, Ind.; his son, William (Jennifer) Alday of Fort Wayne; his daughter, Kim (John) Krick of Columbia City; his stepson, Michael (Monica) Ferryman of Troy, Ohio; eight grandchildren; his sisters, Joann Stoker, Louise (George) Bopp and Kathryn (Butch) Love all of Fort Wayne, and Florence Bracht of Nobelsville; and two brothers, Louis (Dottie) Alday of Fort Wayne and Charles (Melissa) Alday of Avilla, Ind.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial is in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Cancer Services of NE Indiana.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 12, 2010, Monday

Donald Meyer

ALBION — Donald E. Meyer, 57, a resident of rural Albion, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2010, at the family residence in York Township. He had been in declining health since 2006, and had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer was born on November 1, 1952, and was raised by his grandparents Dale E. and Virginia Meyer. He attended the former York Center School, and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1971.

Employed at the Fort Wayne Foundry in Columbia City, he had worked there as a quality control and maintenance worker. He had also previously been employed at Newnam Foundry and Seamco, both in Kendallville.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. As a young man he was active in 4-H and the York Township Horse & Pony Club. In his leisure time he enjoyed horses, bowling, golfing, playing the drums, canoeing, and kayaking.

On September 28, 1990 he was married in Avilla to Lori Ann Harris. She survives.

Other surviving relatives include his son David E. Meyer of Albion; his parents, Janet and Robert Miller of Albion; his siblings, Lee Ann Wicker of Auburn, Lisa Brashear of Albion, Robert (Charlotte) Miller Jr. of Moriarty, N. M., and Brenda (John) Moyer of Kendallville; his in-laws, Robert A. and Henrietta Harris of LaOtto; an aunt, Pat (Duane) Norris of Albion; and two grandchildren, Dirk E. Meyer and Lillian Jean Meyer.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; a sister-in-law, Lynn Rose Harris; an uncle, Dale R. Meyer; and a close friend, Pat Biddle.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, in the Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E. C.R. 500S, Churubusco, with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Women's Care Center, P. O. Box 12966, Fort Wayne, IN 46866; or Boys & Girls Clubs, 2609Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Meyer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Raymond Gerber

MIDDLEBURY — Raymond A. Gerber, 84, of Middlebury died Sunday at his residence.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday all at the Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in the Griner Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Gospel Echoes Team.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

James Cavada

LaGRANGE — James E. Cavada, 57, of Orland, died Friday, April 9, at his residence.

Services will be on Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 13, 2010, Tuesday

Roy Creager

GARRETT — Roy J. "Rosie" Creager, 81, of Garrett died Monday, April 12, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Creager

Mr. Creager worked from 1960 to 1973 for the Garrett Police Department, serving as Chief of Police for a period of time. He also worked 29 years for the B&O Railroad as a brakeman, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Mr. Creager was a member of the Garrett American Legion, VFW and Eagles.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born March 23, 1929, in Garrett, Ind., to Roy E. and Dell Marie (Topper) Creager. He married Carolyn S. Maggert on May 12, 1956, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Creager of Garrett and Janie Diederich, Auburn; a son, Kyle E. Creager of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Wayne, William and Earl; and a sister, Madelaine Zumbaugh.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion and VFW posts.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School girls basketball program or to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Martin Bartell

ST. JOE — Martin S. Bartell 85, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Colin Osborn

ANGOLA — Colin B. Osborn, 98, of Angola died Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Newell Funeral Home in Decatur, Mich.

Kohle Bowser

CHURUBUSCO — Kohle Willard Bowser, 4 months, died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

He was the son of Kevin W. Bowser and Ashley Batten of Churubusco.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with chaplain Steve Jones officiating.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials can be directed to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Martin Bartell

ST. JOE — Martin S. Bartell, 85, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born on December 31, 1924, in Scipio Township of Allen County to Henry and Bertha (Lehman) Bartell.

Martin retired from County Line Cheese in 1989 after 21 years of service. He also drove trucks for many years.

He married Patricia Sawvel on January 21, 1960, at Bull Rapids Church in Woodburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark (Laura) Bartell of Fort Wayne, Jeff Bartell of St. Joe, and Arthur Bartell of Auburn; a daughter, Sara (John) Bennett of Waterloo; a brother, Jerry (Judy) Bartell of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters, Freida Springer of Fort Wayne and Mildred (Jim) Groshen of Auburn; a brother-in-law, Richard Cook; six grandchildren, Dawn Scheessele, Dean Bartell, Logan Bartell, Spencer Bartell, Caszandria Bennett and Elisa Bennett; and three great-grandchildren, Grant and Graham Scheessele and Ethan Bartell; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Alma Ransom, Anna Barron and Esther Cook.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 15, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, April 14, from 3-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Roy Creager

GARRETT — Roy J. "Rosie" Creager, 81, of Garrett died Monday, April 12, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Creager worked from 1960 to 1973 for the Garrett Police Department, serving as Chief of Police for a period of time. He also worked 29 years for the B&O Railroad as a brakeman, retiring in 1991.

Mr. Creager

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Mr. Creager was a member of the Garrett American Legion, VFW and Eagles.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born March 24, 1929, in Garrett, Ind., to Roy E. and Dell Marie (Topper) Creager. He married Carolyn S. Maggert on May 12, 1956, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Creager of Garrett and Janie Diederich, Auburn; a son, Kyle E. Creager of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Wayne, William and Earl; and a sister, Madelaine Zumbaugh.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion and VFW posts.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School girls basketball program or to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Lydia Miller

LAGRANGE — Lydia J. Miller, 83, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 13, 2010. at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Eli P. Miller residence, 0655 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Visitation will be all day today at Eli P. Miller residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

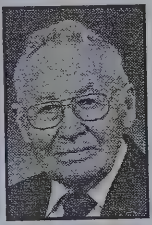
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Wilbur Buffenbarger

COLUMBIA CITY — Wilbur J. Buffenbarger, 99, of Columbia City died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Oak Pointe where he had been a resident since 2000.

Mr. Buffenbarger farmed until 1965 and then worked for the Noble County Highway Department until retiring in 1975.

He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1929.


Mr. Buffenbarger

Mr. Buffenbarger was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble County Historical Society, Noble County Farm Bureau and was on the York Township Advisory Board.

He was born Oct. 28, 1910, in Noble Township, Noble County, to Clarence L. and Flora A. (Gray) Buffenbarger. He married Ruth Ellen Butz on Dec. 26, 1945. She died in April 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue (Bob) McKinney of North Canton, Ohio, and Ann (Jon) Andresen of Brownsburg; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson and a sister, Jessie Swartz.

The funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Merriam Christian Church, 3985 S. U.S. 33, with visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will also be from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel or St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Alfred McDaniel

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alfred L. McDaniel Jr., 73, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obit wil appear in Thursday's edition.

George Shayler

SHIPSHEWANA — George Edgar Shayler, 95, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Bristol United Methodist Church in Bristol.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Interment in be in Scott Cemetery.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice of LaGrange County or Goshen Cancer Center.

Phyllis Stanley

ELKHART — Phyllis Delene Stanley, 74, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury died Sunday at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Elkhart.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Virginia Penick

ANGOLA — Virginia Penick passed away on April 12, 2010, at William Child's Hospice House in Palm Bay, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne in 1984.

Mrs. Penick

Virginia was born on May 19, 1925 in Ray, Ind., and lived in Steuben County most of her life until making her home in Florida with her daughter and son-in-law this past year.

She was the daughter of Burl and Gladys (Steinbarger) Gary. They are both deceased.

Virginia was active with the Angola Moose Lodge. In the past she was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Fremont, and was a past president of the Steuben County Business and Professional Women's Club. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church. Until moving to Florida she enjoyed her friends and activities with the Steuben County Council on Aging.

She retired from, and will be remembered by many, as a "checker" at the A&P store.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Richard and Diana (Midge) Finch of Melbourne Beach, Florida; two granddaughters, Dawn and (Mike) Peterson of LaGrange, Ill., and Denea Logan of Elgin, Ill.; two grandsons, Derek and (Diane) Finch of Lumberton, N.J., and Darin and (Jennifer) Finch of Lewis Center, Ohio; eight great-grandchildren, Karen Manes, Scott, Anne, and John Peterson, Dina and Erika Finch, and Abby and Adam Finch; and three sisters, Carolyn (Jack) Eyster and Connie (Larry) Eyster, both of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bonnie (Larry) Deller of Dowing, Mich.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., with an hour of visitation prior to service time. Officiating will be Pastor Jim Hulbert.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to The Steuben County Council on Aging or to the charity of the donor's choice.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Ind.

F. Arlene Nimmo

MILFORD — F. Arlene Nimmo, 63, of Milford died Monday, April 12, 2010, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 10a.m. on Friday in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Milford.

Memorials to Arlene Nimmo Funeral Fund, c/o Owen Family Funeral Home.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

Anthony Barboza

BUTLER — Anthony Barboza, 76, formerly of Lakeland, Fla., died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at his daughter's home.

Mr. Barboza was truck driver and a construction worker.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born on June 28, 1933, in Dighton, Mass., to Anthony and Sadie (Ferrerra) Barboza.

Surviving are two daughters, Robin (Danny) Helbert of Butler and Tina Jennings of Louisiana; two sons, Craig (Tonya) Barboza of St. Joe and Anthony Barboza of Virginia; a brother, Manny Barboza of St. Augustine, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Tucker.

There will be no calling or services.

Entombment will take place in Lakeland, Fla., at a later date.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

James Hamilton

OSSEO, Mich. — James Blaine Hamilton, 48, of Osseo died Monday, April 12, 2010, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Ransom Township.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Kohle W. Bowser, 4 mo.

Kohle Willard Bowser, four month old son of Kevin W. Bowser and Ashley Bratten of Churubusco, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 10, 2010. He had been found unresponsive at the family residence, and was pronounced dead on arrival at 12:43 p.m. at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

The surviving relatives in addition to his parents are his grandparents Ron and Peg Bowser of Churubusco, Mary and Troy Howard of Warsaw, and Ron (Sue Miller) Bratten of Churubusco; his great-grandparents Tom and Dianne Papenbrock of Churubusco and Paul Howard of Warsaw; his aunts and uncles Dave Bowser of Albion, Marc Bowser of Chicago, Tasha Bratten of Churubusco, Shannelle Bratten of Warsaw, Cassie Bratten of Churubusco, Linda Howard of Warsaw, Anthony Bratten of Nappanee, and Tanner Howard of Warsaw; several great aunts and uncles including Wayne Bowser of Churubusco; and special friends Justin Tarr, Justin Claymiller, and Linda Claymiller.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Steve Jones, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to St. Jude'sChildren's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46202

To leave an online condolence for the family in Kohle's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Irene Collins, 73

Irene Collins, age 73, of Corunna, died on Monday, April 5, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Wayland, Kentucky on August 6, 1936 to the late Green Robert and Sally Ann (Collins) Hicks.

She married Rudolph Collins on November 23, 1971 in Clintwood, Virginia. Rudolph preceded her death on September 13, 1998.

Irene was a homemaker and member of the Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Irene was truly blessed to have a large family and many caring friends. She leaves her family and extended family behind to mourn her loss:

Raymond and Dorothy Collins of Kentucky. Reverend Willie Collie of Stroh. James and Judy Collins of Kendallville. Kern and Lena Collins of Kendallville. Sally and Ron Squires of Michigan. Denzil Hyler of Corunna. Robert Collins of Michigan City. Jerry and Jennifer Collins of Butler. Bernadine Mackey of Corunna. Bob and Judy Rollins of Kendallville. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Two sisters, Evelyn Lartigue of Florida and Princess Wheaton of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Junior Hicks in 2008 and three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral Services were Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. David Bolen.

Burial was at Corunna Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Dorothy Edsall, 73

Dorothy Ilene Edsall, age 76, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Mrs. Edsall was born in Kendallville on July 14, 1933 to the late John and Bernice Claire (Keck) Gienger.

She married Benjamin Larry Edsall on June 16, 1951 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was the office manager for Edsall Sales and Service in Kendallville and also sold Avon and Home Interiors. She retired from Dana-Epic in 1999 after several years.

Dorothy was a dedicated member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She liked to write poems and had a collection of writings. She enjoyed putting big picture puzzles together and creating family picture books.

Dorothy loved to cook and bake fancy cakes, tend to her flower gardens and work outside in her yard.

Of course, her family meant so much to her and she especially loved being with her grandkids.

Survivors include Spouse, Ben Edsall of Kendallville; Daughter, Cindy Edsall of Kendallville; Son, Steve Edsall of Kings Mountain, North Carolina; Daughter and son-in-law, Deanna and John Carmichael of Avilla; Son, John Edsall of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; Sister, Carolyn and Wilbur Getts of Kendallville; Sister, Joan and Frank Young of Churubusco; Brother, Richard and Billie Gienger of Avilla; Sister-in-law, Pat Gienger of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Travis Thomas Tuffley, who died October 20, 1992 and her brother, Merlin Eugene "Mert" Gienger, who died September 16, 2008.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at St. John Lutheran Church, in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Chad Carnahan, Adam Edsall, Alix Edsall, Benjamin Tuffley, Kyle Tuffley, and Derek Tuffley. Honorary bearers were her granddaughters,

Stephanie Biddle, Brooke Edsall, Autumn Fincher, Lyndsey Edsall, and Alixis and Alissa Edsall.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, Indiana.

Barbara Hutcheson, 89

Barbara Ann Hutcheson, age 52, of Kendallville died on Sunday, April 4, 2010 at her residence in Kendallville.

She was born in Cuthbert, Georgia on July 30, 1957 to John Witfield and Dorothy (Harrison) Cook.

Survivors include her companion of six years, Darvin Goble of Kendallville; Her mother, Dorothy (Harrison) Cook of Charleston, SC.; Close friends, Burdell Morgan and Connie both of Kendallville.

No services are scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Lawrence H. Heiny, 89

Avilla - Lawrence Henry "Larry" Heiny, age 89, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was born September 7, 1920 to Lawrence Earhart and Stella Marie (Loos) Heiny. He lived in Fort Wayne from the time of his birth until 1967, then moved to Skinner Lake from 1967 until 1995. He attended St. Patrick's Catholic School and graduated from South Side High School in 1939. He also attended the Divine Word Seminary in Wisconsin.

Mr. Heiny moved to LaVerna Terrace in Avilla in 1995 where he donated 10 years of his life tending to his wife, Dollie Marie Hooks, who had Alzheimer's. He married her in Fort Wayne on January 2, 1950. She died in 2006. They were married for 56 years.

He was raised in the grocery business, and worked for Heiny's Grocery and at Nicholas Bakeries for 5 years, and retired from Lincoln Manufacturing in 1982.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and Sisters of the Immacualate Heart of Mary. He was also a past member of the 3rd Order of the St. Francis Society, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. While living at LaVerna Terrace, he used his 3-wheel bike to ride the grounds daily and pick up trash. His hobbies were carpentry, volunteering at Provena Sacred Heart Home and running errands for his neighbors.

Larry was a fine example of one who could silently enjoy helping others. Family and friends will remember him as a most fond and gentle soul.

Surviving are a son, Lawrence J. Heiny, a grandson, Shannon Amerosa, and three granddaughters; two brothers, Nicholas Heiny, and Robert Heiny, both of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Victoria Fahey of Glenview, Illinois.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter, Cathy Nevil in 1988, a brother, Joseph Heiny and a sister, Rosemary Bucklin.

Funeral services for Mr. Heiny were Saturday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. A rosary service was conducted. Father Dan Leu officiated. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart or to Masses.

Mildred Hite, 89

Mildred Hite, age 89, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hite was born in Pierceton, Indiana on December 8, 1920 to the late Lyman Mark and Fannie Fern (Clover) Faulkner.

She married Harold M. Hite on July 26, 1940 in Ligonier. Harold preceded her death December 15, 1989.

She and Harold founded Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville in 1949. She was dedicated for many years to the daily operation of the funeral home as well as service to the community of Kendallville.

Mildred was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where she actively volunteered much of her time to the church and the Lutheran Life Villages where she resided the past nine years.

Survivors include Son, Ron and Marietta Hite of Kendallville; Daughter, Karen and Rick Claussen of South Milford; Son, Gary and Becky Hite of El Paso, Texas; 12 grandchildren: Michelle Grimm, Natalie Hite, Janelle Foster, Dawn Bartels, Darrin Claussen, Aimee Oldham, Seth Claussen, Gary Lee Hite, Noell Vogel, Jason Hite, Andrew Hite, and Matthew Hite. 11 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Raymond and Robert Faulkner and her sister, Fern Swonger.

Funeral Services were Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Life Villages of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Earl L. Galloway, 88

Earl L. Galloway, age 88, of Kimmell, IN, died April 6, 2010 at 1:05 p.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw of natural causes.

He was born December 14, 1921 in Noble County, IN to Floyd and Mae (Hoover) Galloway. He resided there his whole life.

He married Helen Amick on September 16, 1972.

Earl was a lifetime farmer and worked as a mechanic at Charlie's Sunoco in Ligonier for over 25 years. He graduated from Cromwell High School in 1940 and was a lifetime member of the Moose in Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Galloway of Kimmell, IN, four children, Carroll (Linda) Galloway, Ligonier, IN, Jerry Galloway, Roanoke, IN, Ronnie (Robin) Galloway, Cromwell, IN; a step-daughter, Cindy (Daniel) Chalfant, Land O Lakes, FL, and 14 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Melvin and Don Galloway.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 9, 2010. Officiating the services was Celebrant Larry Baker.

Earl was laid to rest in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Yeager Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Maggie Groh, 70

Maggie Groh, age70, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Groh was born near Quicksand, Kentucky, in Knott County on August 10, 1939 to Taulby and Delana Roberta (Shepherd) Handshoe. Her father died at a young age in 1948.

She married Paul A. Groh on June 14, 1964 in Kendallville and he preceded her death June 21, 1985.

Maggie was a homemaker and did alot of babysitting and taking care of her family for many years.

She loved gardening and tending to her flowers and attending church. She was a dedicated memberof Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

Survivors include her mother, Delana Roberta Terry of Kendallville; Daughter, Jackie Delana Hammel of Kendallville; Daughter, Vickie L. Groh-Roberts of Kendallville; Two grandchildren; Kirsty Delana Hammel and James Paul William Baker both of Kendallville; Stepson, Jerry Groh; Stepdaughter, Judy Everidge; Brother, Oscar and Ollie Handshoe of Kendallville; step sister, Dorothy Ramey of Kendallville; Step brother, Radie Terry of West Virginia; Many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Edith Conley; step sisters, Laura Ramey and Flora Hoover; and step brothers, Chester, Curtis, John Arnold, and Clark Terry.

Funeral Services were Monday, April 12, 2010 at Community Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Leburn Combs, Rev. Willie Collins and Rev. Rick Davis.

Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Mildred Leazier, 82

Mildred E. Leazier, 82, a resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County and widow of Harold P. Leazier, passed away at 5:10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at her home in Green Township. She had been in declining health since September.

Mrs. Leazier was born in Fort Wayne on January 21, 1928, a daughter of Paul and Julia (Schrader) Hohnhaus. She spent her formative years there, and graduated from Central High School.

On December 12, 1953 she was married in Fort Wayne to Harold P. Leazier. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne until moving to their present farm home in Noble County in 1967.

A homemaker who dearly loved her family, she had also been employed in the bakery at Egolf's IGA in Churubusco.

Mr. Leazier preceded her in death on October 24, 2006.

The surviving relatives include five sons David (Sarah) Leazier, Greg (Sherie) Leazier, Paul (Kathy) Leazier, Tim (Lou Ann) Leazier, and Danny Hofferberth, all of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law Brenda Leazier of Churubusco; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son Steve Leazier on September 19, 1999; and by two sisters Louella McPheters and Betty Peden.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Corinne K. Boruff, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

The family requests that memorials be directed to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46202

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Leazier's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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The Kline Family wishes to thank everyone for the food, cards, memorials, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness shown to our family during the difficult time while our husband, father and brother John Kline was ill and at his passing.

ALBION NEW ERA
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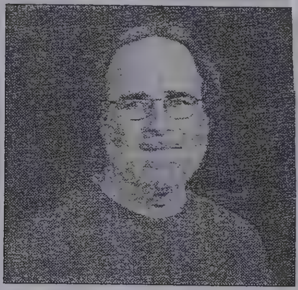
April 14, 2010, Wednesday

Donald Meyer, 75



Donald E. Meyer, 57, a resident of rural Albion, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the family residence in York Township. He had been in declining health since 2006, and had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mr. Meyer was born on November 1, 1952, and was raised by his grandparents Dale E. and Virginia Meyer. He attended the former York Center School, and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1971.

Employed at the Fort Wayne Foundry in Columbia City, he had worked there as a qualitycontrol and maintenance worker. He had also previously been employed at Newnam's Foundry and Seamco, both in Kendallville.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. As a young man he was active in 4-H and the York Township Horse & Pony Club. In his leisure time he enjoyed horses, bowling, golfing, playing the drums, canoeing, and kayaking.

On September 28, 1990 he was married in Avilla to Lori Ann Harris. She survives.

Other surviving relatives include his son David E. Meyer of Albion; his parents Janet and Robert Miller of Albion; his siblings Lee Ann Wicker of Auburn, Lisa Brashear of Albion, Robert (Charlotte) Miller, Jr. of Moriarty, N. M., and Brenda (John) Moyer of Kendallville; an aunt Pat (Duane) Norris of Albion; his in-laws Robert A. and Henrietta Harris of LaOtto; and two grandchildren Dirk E. Meyer and Lillian Jean Meyer.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; a sister-in-law Lynn Rose Harris; an uncle Dale R. Meyer; and a close friend Pat Biddle.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, in the Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E 500 S-57, Churubusco, with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Women's Care Center, P.O. Box 12966, Fort Wayne, IN 46866; or Boys & Girls Clubs, 2609 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Meyer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 15, 2010, Thursday

Body in creek identified

AUBURN — Auburn Police detectives have identified a woman whose body was found in Cedar Creek in Auburn on Sunday afternoon.

Police said the woman is Jennifer S. Mullins, 26, of Auburn, who was reported missing by an acquaintance in late November 2009. Local police followed up on information received at the time of that report and eventually extinguished all leads provided by the reporting person, according to a news release issued Wednesday night by Auburn Police detective Lt. Mark Stump.

Mullins

Detectives will continue to search for evidence and information that might explain how Mullins ended up in Cedar Creek, Stump said.

Police identified her based on interviews and with the assistance of the Indiana State Police

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CREEK: *Analysis of fingerprint helped ID woman*

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Regional Laboratory. Stump said an analysis of a single fingerprint recovered during an autopsy Tuesday provided the identification police needed to locate Mullins' family. The coroner then gave notification of her death.

Stump said police now are using information obtained during the autopsy and their subsequent interviews to determine Mullins' activities and the locations she visited around the time she was reported missing.

Police asked anyone with information surrounding the activities and disappearance of Mullins in late 2009 to contact Stump at 920-3200, Ext. 1917, or Auburn Police Detective Phil Snover at 920-3200, Ext. 1923.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 15, 2010, Thursday

Roma Heffner

LIGONIER — Roma E. Heffner, 91, currently of Ligonier and formerly of Topeka and Wolcottville, Ind., died on Friday, April 9, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Heffner

Roma was born on September 4, 1918, in Ligonier, Indiana, to the late Milo and Dessie (Miller) Renner. On March 24, 1940, at her parent's residence in Ligonier, she married Tharon Heffner. He preceded her in death on August 26, 2001.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two daughters, Twila J. Cox and Melonie K. Heffner.

Roma was employed with Starcraft for 30 years and was also a homemaker.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Mary Kay Heffner of Edwardsburg, Michigan; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Friday, April 16, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier.

The Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. will officiate the service.

Cremation will follow. Burial of the ashes will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be on Friday from 3 p.m. until the time of service.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the donor's choice.

The family would also like to take this time to thank the entire staff of the Avalon Village and Southern Care Hospice for all the caring and kindness shown to Roma during this difficult time. Your words and deeds will not soon be forgotten.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Emily Miller

TOPEKA — Emily K. Miller, 20-month-old daughter of Kenny and Ruby Miller, died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the home of her grandparent's at Shipshewana from injuries sustained in a skid loader accident.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Velda Wingard residence, 5930 W. C.R. 200S, Topeka. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Friday at the Wingard residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.millerstewartfuenralhome.com

Gerald Creager

GARRETT — Gerald W. Creager, 84, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Creager worked as a pattern maker for Foley Pattern Company of Auburn, Cole Pattern Company of Fort Wayne, and Ward Pattern Company of Fort Wayne.

He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II.

He was born September 7, 1925, in Butler to Ferman F. and Ethel B. (Powell) Creager.

He married Donna I. Wiler on August 28, 1948, in Kendallville. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Gary Glaze of Kendallville, Rebecca and Tom Wasson of Auburn and Jody Creager and Sam Miller of Garrett; three granddaughters, Tara Wasson, Jennifer Wasson and Suzanne Zawadzke; and three great-grandchildren, Alexia Zawadzke, Kyle Zawadzke and Maya Gay.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Delbert Creager; a grandson, Andrew Zawadzke; and a granddaughter, Sarah Zawadzke.

There will be private family services held on Friday, April 16, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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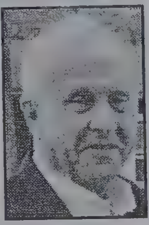
April 15, 2010, Thursday

Alfred McDaniel Jr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alfred L. McDaniel Jr., 73, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. McDaniel

Mr. McDaniel had been a truck driver for 46 years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union.

He was born June 2, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, to Alfred L. McDaniel, Sr. and Ruth (Koella) McDaniel. He married Ginger R. Hughes on Dec. 20, 1969, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death on March 14, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois and Douglas Bullard of Fort Wayne, Katie and Ralph Miser of Fort Wayne and Robin Ann Porter and her companion, Brian Hoosier of Kendallville; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Alfred L. McDaniel III of Fort Wayne, Steven C. McDaniel of Fort Wayne, Patrick G. McDaniel of Fort Wayne and Lee Alan and Jennifer Kaluza of Rives Junction, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Ruth Reinier of Toledo, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred L. McDaniel Sr.; his mother, Ruth Fenimore; a grandson, Kenneth John McDaniel; and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Brent Wedding officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Sandra Johnson

WILTON, N.Y. — Sandra Kay (Stroh) Johnson, 66, of Wilton died Friday, March 26, 2010, at Wilton Commons Senior Apartments.

Mrs. Johnson was a social worker and a school psychologist. She was employed in Cleveland and Stongsville, Ohio, and Baltimore, Md., as well as Hampshire County Schools in West Virginia.

Following her retirement, she became a consultant for the West Virginia Birth to Three Program. She also worked with other children and the mentally and physically challenged.

She was the salutatorian of the Fremont, Ind., High School class of 1961. She received an undergraduate degree in psychology from Indiana University and a master's degree from Kent State.

She was born Aug. 21, 1943, in Angola, Ind., to Robert and Ruth Stroh. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Jack Butler of Wilton, N.Y.; a niece, Erin Douglass; and a great-nephew.

Mrs. Johnson's body was donated to the Albany Medical College Anatomical Gift Program. Her cremains were interred in the Albany Medical Rural Cemetery.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Northeastern Region, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, N.Y. 12205.

Hans Funeral Home in Albany was in charge of arrangements.

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Judith Krudop

ANGOLA — Judith Giver Krudop, 60, of Angola died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was currently employed as a production clerk at Electri-Tec Inc. in Angola. She had formerly worked for 15 years at Wolf Envelope in Angola and at Angola Wire.

Ms. Krudop had lived in Steuben County most of her life.

She attended Prairie Heights Schools.

Ms. Krudop was of the Catholic faith.

She enjoyed NASCAR and was a Jeff Gordon fan. She enjoyed music and especially Bon Jovi, Clint Eastwood movies, dancing and she loved her dogs.

She was born August 22, 1949, in Angola, Ind., to Donald and Florence (George) Giver. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer and John Filutze of Auburn and Jill and Henry Winkler of Angola; two sons, Ron Maugherman Jr. of Angola and Steve Maugherman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Michael, Justin, Mason, Johnny and Anna; a sister, Nancy and Joe Carnahan of Orland, Ind.; and a brother, Tom Giver of Farmland, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Florence Giver, and a brother, Donald Giver Jr.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Steuben County, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Shawna Glessner

KENDALLVILLE — Shawna Glessner, 29, died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Phyllis Stanley

ELKHART — Phyllis Delene Stanley, 74, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury, died at 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Elkhart.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. today at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to American Diabetic Association. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 16, 2010, Friday

Police still trying to determine how found woman died

BY KATHRYN BASSETT
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AUBURN — When a body was found in Cedar Creek in Auburn on Sunday afternoon, police first turned to local missing persons reports.

Police found that Jennifer Mullins, 26, of Auburn, had been reported missing in late November, 2009, and the file was still active.

"It gave us direction to go on," said Auburn Police Detective Lt. Mark Stump. "We knew who to go talk to to get some clues or tips."

On Wednesday, police positively identified the body as that of Mullins. They compared an analysis of a single fingerprint recovered during an autopsy with Mullins' fingerprints that were on file with police. Authorities confirmed that the body was Mullins' using dental records, Stump said.

When Mullins disappeared in November, an acquaintance and one of her sisters reported that they had not heard from her for nearly two weeks, which was unusual, said Stump. They provided the names of friends and acquaintances and places Mullins might be, Stump added.

Mullins

"The officers checked with the people and places. Nobody had seen her," Stump said.

Some people seemed to think that Mullins possibly had left the area because she had some legal issues, Stump added. According to court records, Mullins had pending cases involving an alleged probation violation and a charge of public intoxication in DeKalb Superior Court I. A friend also said she had talked of knowing someone in Las Vegas and perhaps could have gone there, Stump added.

"We had no other information or anything come in until Sunday when we got the call of someone finding the body in Cedar Creek," Stump said.

"Almost from the onset of getting the call regarding the body, we start going through files, starting with our own. We did find that she was still listed as active missing," Stump added.

Now Stump's investigation will focus on trying to determine how Mullins died and ended up in Cedar Creek.

"We're trying to piece things together," Stump said. "We've gotten some calls from people who did know who she was. A lot of information we already knew, but we still take the calls. We've also gotten some calls from people who suspected the body could have been a loved one." Those types of call are stopping, Stump added.

> *"We're trying to piece things together. We've gotten some calls from people who did know who she was."*
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> **Lt. Mark Stump**
> Auburn Police Department

Stump said investigators are awaiting toxicology reports on Mullins body and the cause of death still is undetermined.

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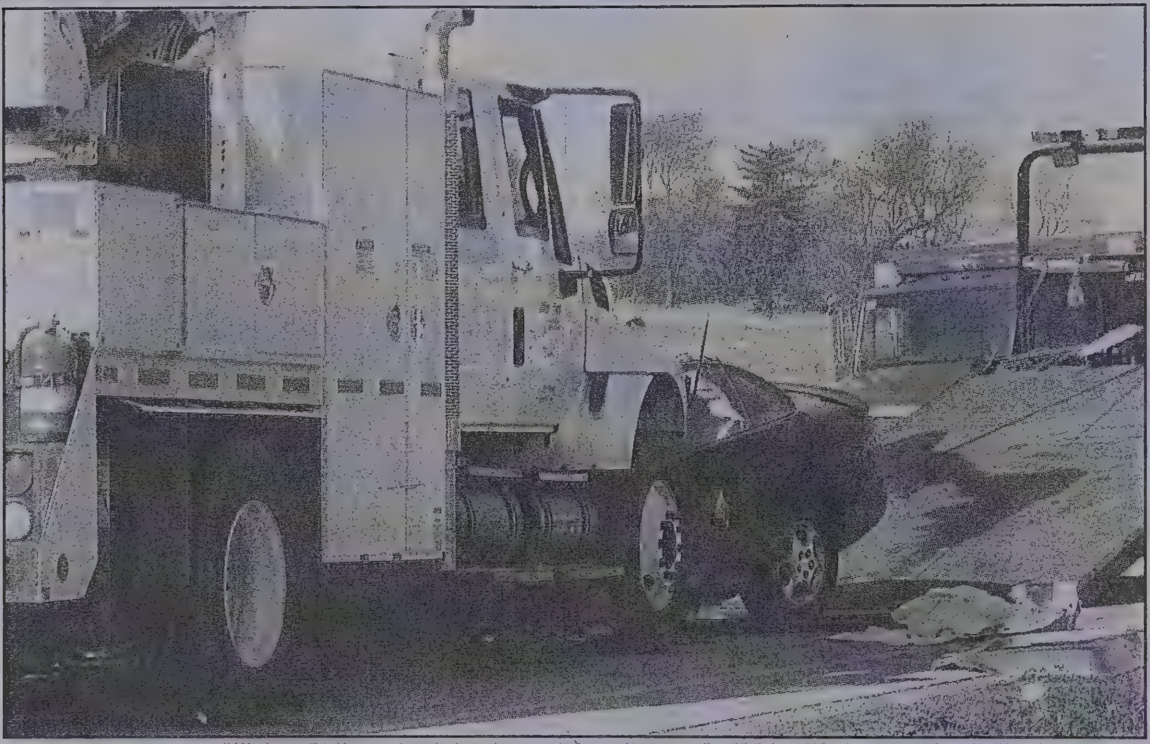
2 die in U.S. 6 crash



BOB BRALEY

Two people were killed Thursday morning while driving on U.S. 6, east of Ligonier, when an Oldsmobile Alero went left of center and struck a Norfolk Southern utility truck head-on.

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BY BOB BRALEY
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LIGONIER — Two people were killed in a head-on collision between a car and a truck on U.S. 6 Thursday morning.

Kevin Higgins, 45, of Nappanee, and Ariel Butcher, 19, of Warsaw, were killed when the eastbound 1998 Oldsmobile Alero Higgins was driving went left of center on the highway in front of a residence at 6156 U.S. 6, just west of C.R. 600W, and collided with a westbound Norfolk Southern Railroad utility truck, according to Senior Trooper Steve Malone with the Indiana State Police.

The accident took place at about 8:30 a.m., Malone said. Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff pronounced the two victims dead at the scene.

The driver of the truck, Martin E. Clement, 59, of Genoa, Ohio, and his passenger, Gerald E. Myers, 58, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, were each wearing seat belts at the time of the crash and were uninjured, Malone said.

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CRASH: *Portion of road was closed for hours*

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Why the car went left of center is unknown, Malone said.

The impact left the entire front end of the car either collapsed or disintegrated, Malone said. It also entangled the wreckage of the car with the truck. The female passenger had been in the front seat.

U.S. 6 was closed between U.S. 33 and C.R. 600W until about 12:30 p.m. while emergency crews worked to separate the two vehicles, extricate the victims and clear debris.

Assisting at the scene were the ISP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Ligonier Police and Fire departments and Noble County EMS.

Lawnie Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Lawnie Handshoe, 90, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Jennifer Mullins

SPENCERVILLE — Jennifer S. Mullins, 26, was found in Cedar Creek in Auburn, Ind., on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Indiana.

Heidi Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Heidi Elizabeth Yoder, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Yoder of Shipshewana, was stillborn Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

The family will hold private funeral services at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 16, 2010, Friday

Kathryn Reed

STROH — Kathryn Roberta Reed, age 92, of Stroh died on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reed

Mrs. Reed was born in Stroh on April 12, 1918, to the late Robert and Alma Leora (Forst) Pierce.

She graduated salutatorian of her class from Salem Center High School in 1936.

On December 23, 1942, she married Norman A. Reed in LaGrange. He preceded her in death January 6, 2008.

Mrs. Reed was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ since childhood. As a young woman, she played the piano for worship services for 12 years.

Kathryn loved to read, go for long afternoon rides in the car and spend time with her family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheryl Skinner of South Milford; a grandson, Brandon and Ashley Skinner of Sylvan Lake; a great-grandson, Oliver Skinner; and a brother, Frank Pierce of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Robert Pierce, and sister, Mary Jean Pierce.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 18, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 19, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Church of Christ, Stroh. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Mike Hamm.

Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange County. Casketbearers will be Brandon Skinner, and her nephews, Bob Pierce, Matt Pierce, Bill Pierce, Rick Pierce, Greg Pierce and Dave Pierce.

Preferred memorials may be made to Stroh Church of Christ or Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Shawna Glessner

KENDALLVILLE — Shawna Rene Glessner, age 29, of Fort Wayne died on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at home.

Ms. Glessner

Shawna was born in Kendallville on October 8, 1980, to Larry and Rebecca Ann (Mendenhall) Davis.

She liked to listen to the music of Michael Jackson, and she enjoyed eating chocolate and milkshakes, going shopping and getting her nails manicured.

Shawna also loved spending time with her family and friends and watching "SpongeBob."

Survivors include her father, Larry Davis of Kendallville; her mother, Rebecca Davis and her companion, John Ward, of Kendallville; two sisters, Christina Glessner of Kendallville and Brittney Davis of Kendallville; aunts and uncles, Mark and Rhonda Mendenhall of Kendallville, Susan and Angelo Tsetse of Kendallville, Donna and Rex Allen of Kendallville, Maria and Jerry Renz of Kendallville, Michelle and Leon Shrock of Wolcottville, Paula Sibert and her companion, Dave Newhard, of Rome City, and Matthew and Carrie Mendenhall of Kendallville; her nieces and nephews, Tyler Ebert, Sarah Ebert and Ethan Ritchie; her friends and staff of Candlewick Group Home and Anthony Wayne Services of Allen County; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Keith and Carolyn Mendenhall, and her uncle, Dave Sibert.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 16, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. also on Friday.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Tyler Ward.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to to the family for funeral expenses.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Nancy Denner

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy T. Denner, 70, died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Denner was a self-employed real estate broker for many years.

She was a native of Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving are two sons, Kelly Martin of Kendallville and Mike (Terese) Martin of Cary, N.C.; her mother, Virginia Kilgore of LaGrange; a daughter, Lori Martin of Kendallville; a brother, Dave Kilgore of Wolcottville; a sister, Pat Forsythe of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Kilgore; her husband, James A. Denner; and her sister, Sally Brinkman. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery at Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Warren Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Warren Miller, 99, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Thelma Cass

WOLCOTTVILLE — Thelma R. Cass, 91, of Wolcottville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital at LaGrange.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the church with a rosary services at 3:30 p.m. There will also be calling one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

David Avery

SYRACUSE — David W. Avery, 49, of Syracuse died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Warsaw Meadows Care Center.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials are to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 931 East 86th St., Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

To send condolences online visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

Geraldine Fifer

Mrs. Fifer

FREMONT — Geraldine M. Fifer, 78, of Archbold, Ohio, and formerly of Angola, Ind., and Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Regency Hospital of Toledo, Ohio.

She retired as a machine operator at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola.

She was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to Earl D. and Elsie (Oyer) Simpson.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Armer of Hillsdale, Mich., and Cathy Renslow of Toledo, Ohio; three sons, Michael Fifer of Surprise, Ariz., Duane and Kathy Fifer of Bartelsville, Okla., and Lonnie and Cathy Fifer of Kansas City, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three sisters, Mildred Oberlin of Edon, Ohio; one brother, Donald Simpson of Angola; and a sister-in-law, Betty A. Simpson of Fremont, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard R. "Dick" Simpson; a son, Terry Renslow; and a grandson, Jeffary Renslow.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Jack McDaniel officiating. Burial will be at a later date at South Scott Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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ATV crash kills man

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SYRACUSE — A Cromwell man was killed Thursday night after an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) crash near Syracuse, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

DNR Conservation officer Lyle Enyeart said Friday that Jamey R. Clemons, 37, was operating an ATV on a trail in a wooded area on private property in the 9100 block of Koher Road, near Lake Papakeechie in Kosciusko County.

The officer said sometime during the ride, Clemons lost control of the 2004 Yamaha Bruin ATV and it came to rest on two wheels, trapping Clemons between the ATV and a tree.

His body was found by family members around 10:30 p.m.

Clemons was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of death, according to the Kosciusko Coroner's office, was suffocation.

In addition to DNR officers, other responding agencies were the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, Syracuse Fire Department, North Webster EMS and the Kosciusko County Coroner.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Clemons are pending at the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Ind.

Warren Miller

Mr. Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Warren John Miller, age 99, of Kendallville died on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville. [illegible]

He was born in Rome City, Ind., on March 11, 1911, to Edward S. and Myra (Grubb) Miller.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1929. He graduated from Tri State University in 1932 with a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering.

He married Constance Keith Williams on December 1, 1934, in Kendallville.

He was a surveyor and was the Noble County Surveyor for 28 years.

Warren was also a dairy and crop farmer in Kendallville.

He built 22 homes in the area and developed the Sunset Shores addition north of Kendallville on Little Long Lake.

Mr. Miller enjoyed traveling, playing golf even at age 95 and reading.

Survivors include a daughter, Julie and Brent Grawcock of Albion; a son, Dennis and Regina Miller of Scottsdale, Arizona; his grandchildren, Donovan Miller of Nashville, Tennessee, Kim and John Washam of Indianapolis, and Jonathan and Katie Miller of Mesa, Arizona; and two great-grandchildren, Gavin and Savannah Washam.

He was preceded in death by wife, Constance Keith "Connie" Miller June 1, 2003.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 5 p.m. at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service will be Chaplain David Griebel.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Miriam Atwater

LAGRANGE — Miriam H. Atwater, 93, of LaGrange died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at her residence.

Creamation has taken place.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to condolences@earthlink.net.

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Cindy Squier

ANGOLA — Cindy L. Squier, 51, died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at her home in Angola surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Squier

Mrs. Squier was a homemaker.

She earned her Associate Degree in Accounting from Tri-State University in Angola.

She was a member of the Calvary Temple PCG. She also served as president of Women's Ministry at Calvary Temple.

She loved to bowl and was a member of the Angola Bowling League. She also loved to camp.

She was born January 9, 1951, in Coldwater, Michigan. She married Raymond W. Squier Jr. on July 6, 1982, in Rockford, Minnesota. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her mother, Marge (Deible) Johnson of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Doddy A. and Patrick Hudson of Angola and Samantha J. and Justin VanGompel of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Kurt Klink of Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Diane Kauffman of Sheraton, Michigan; and seven grandchildren, Trevor Trent, Dennisa VanGompel, Maria VanGompel, Blake VanGompel, David Hudson, Jasmine Hudson, and Raymond Hudson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Kauffman; and a daughter, Christina M. Trent.

A memorial service will be held at noon Sunday, April 25, 2010, at Calvary Temple PCG, 400 Henry St., Angola, with Pastor Vince Torres officiating.

A picture viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Sunday prior to the memorial service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Calvary Temple PCG building fund.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Layla Marquardt

AUBURN — Layla Lynne Marquardt, 1 day old, died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents, David and Monica Marquardt of Auburn; brothers Austin and Christian Marquardt and sisters, Ryleigh and Kennedy Marquardt, all at home; her grandparents; her aunts and uncles; and her cousins.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funreal & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St.

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Clarence Schweyer

FORT WAYNE — Clarence W. Schweyer Jr., 76, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schweyer

Mr. Schweyer had retired in 1995 from Zollner Corp. He had previously worked with IBEW Local 305.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Schweyer was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He was born July 20, 1933, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife Bonnie Lou Schweyer; a daughter, Wanda Schweyer of Fort Wayne; five sons, Clarence W. III and Connie Schweyer of Hudson, Jeffrey Schweyer of Fort Wayne, Matthew Schweyer and Kimberly Moreno of Dallas, Texas, James Schweyer of Fort Wayne and Richard Schweyer and Wendy Ferguson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Ann and Ronald Knoblauch of New Haven; and three brothers, Russell and Imogene Schweyer of New Haven, Harold and Esther Schweyer of Ohio City, Ohio, and Donald and Luella Schweyer of Hudson.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Visitation will be from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church's endowment fund.

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Nancy Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy Sue Carter, age 59, of Kendallville died on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Carter was born in Rushville, Indiana, on August 7, 1950, to the late Carlton Eugene and Beatrice Marie (Shane) Gwinnup.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1968.

She married David S. Carter on October 24, 1992, in Kendallville.

Nancy was employed for many years as a store clerk with Fischer's Pharmacy and PharmaCare in Kendallville

She was proud of the fact that she was a licensed airplane pilot since 1995.

Nancy was a pro at jigsaw puzzles. She was an avid reader, loved doing her yard work, gardening, sewing and she enjoyed camping and traveling.

She loved having her grandkids around to spend time with them and enjoyed collecting lots of different things. Nancy also had a great sense of humor and she was a good joke teller!

Survivors include her husband, David Carter of Kendallville; two daughters, Jane and Jamathan Cox of Peru, Indiana, and Stacy Krieger of Kendallville; a son, Steve Krieger of Kendallville; a stepson, Chris Carter of Kendallville; 14 grandsons; and two granddaughters; a sister, Linda and Bill Routsong of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Colin and Dessa Carter of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Julie Ann McKenzie in 1974.

Visitation will be Monday, April 19, 2010, from noon to 2 p.m at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 19, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

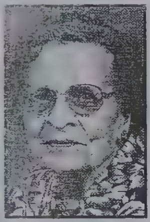
Officiating the funeral service will be President John Owen.

Preferred memorials may be made to C.A.S.A. of Noble County.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Thelma Cass

WOLCOTTVILLE — Thelma R. Cass, 91, of Wolcottville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. She had been ill two days.



Mrs. Cass

Mrs. Cass retired after 24 years at Monsanto in Ligonier.

She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and the Rosary Sodality.

She was born Nov. 28, 1918, in Avilla to Frank and Eva (Bender) Fortman. She married Maurice P. Cass on Oct. 25, 1939. He preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Ron Bortner of Wolcottville and Pat and Max Pfafman of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Pam Cass of Elkhart; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Fortman and Ralph Fortman, and a sister, Esther Norton.

Mass of Christian burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Jim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the church with rosary services at 3:30 p.m. There will also be calling one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Preferred memorials are masses to the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Debra Maus

FORT WAYNE — Debra L. Maus, 50, of Fort Wayne, died at 4:08 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The funeral service will be at 11 a. m. Monday at Ransdell Funeral Chapel in Harrodsburg, Ky., with the Revs. Harold Best and John David Lane officiating. Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at Ransdell Funeral Chapel in Harrodsburg, Ky.

Burial will follow in the Hopewell Baptist Cemetery, Mercer County, Ky.

Local memorial services will be held at 7 p. m. on Monday, April 26, at the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church food bank, or to the Churubusco Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Judy Wright

FORT WAYNE — Judy Wright died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Nancy Denner

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy J. Denner, 70, died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Denner was a self-employed real estate broker for many years.

She was born March 3, 1940, in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving are two sons, Kelly Martin of Kendallville and Mike (Terese) Martin of Cary, N.C.; her mother, Virginia Kilgore of LaGrange; a daughter, Lori Martin of Kendallville; a brother, Dave Kilgore of Wolcottville; a sister, Pat Forsythe of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and his grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Kilgore; her husband, James A. Denner; and her sister, Sally Brinkman.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery at Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Lawnie Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Lawnie Handshoe, 90, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Merdie Beverly

BURR OAK, Mich. — Merdie Beverly, 72 of Burr Oak, Mich., passed away Thursday, April 15, 2010, at home.

Calling will be 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes — Rosenberg Chapel, 807 E. Chicago Rd., Sturgis, Mich., where funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday. A graveside committal will follow the service at the Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak.

Memorial donations may be directed to the charity of one's choice.

Condolences for the family may be left at hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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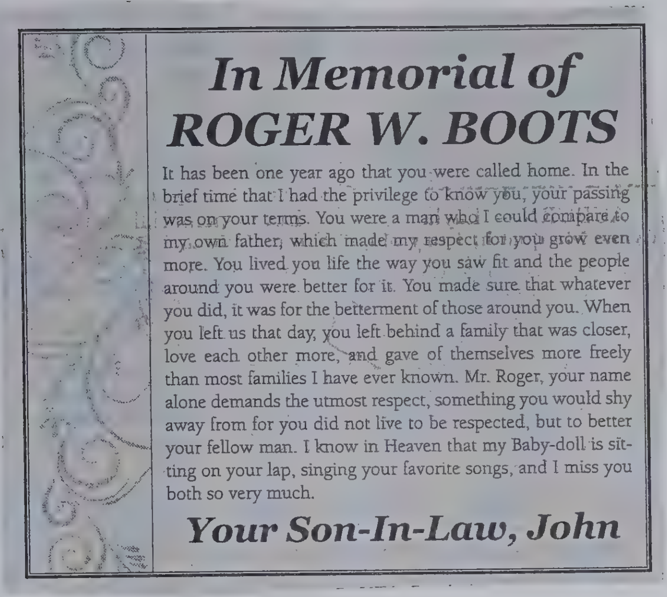
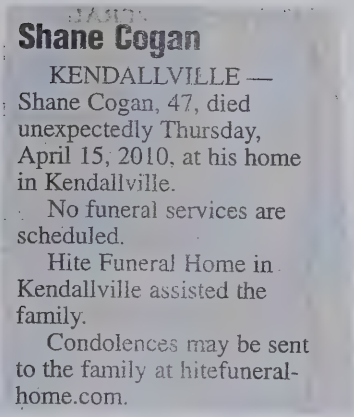


In Memorial of ROGER W. BOOTS

It has been one year ago that you were called home. In the brief time that I had the privilege to know you, your passing was on your terms. You were a man who I could compare to my own father, which made my respect for you grow even more. You lived you life the way you saw fit and the people around you were better for it. You made sure that whatever you did, it was for the betterment of those around you. When you left us that day, you left behind a family that was closer, love each other more, and gave of themselves more freely than most families I have ever known. Mr. Roger, your name alone demands the utmost respect, something you would shy away from for you did not live to be respected, but to better your fellow man. I know in Heaven that my Baby-doll is sitting on your lap, singing your favorite songs, and I miss you both so very much.

Your Son-In-Law, John



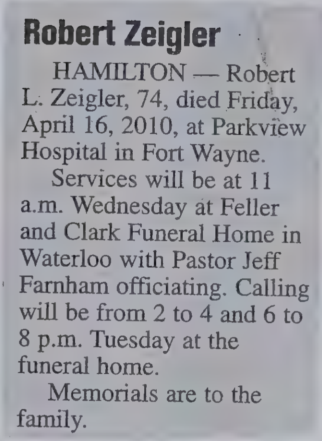
Shane Cogan

KENDALLVILLE — Shane Cogan, 47, died unexpectedly Thursday, April 15, 2010, at his home in Kendallville.

No funeral services are scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville assisted the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.



Robert Zeigler

HAMILTON — Robert L. Zeigler, 74, died Friday, April 16, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo with Pastor Jeff Farnham officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Don Myers was everyone's friend

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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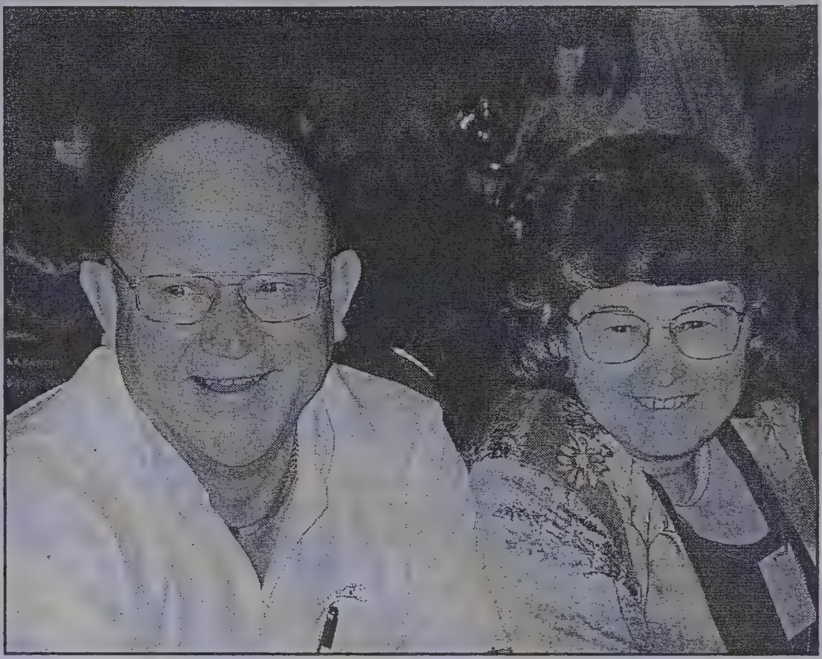

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The late Don Myers is shown and his wife Phyllis.

MONGO — He was everyone's friend, someone who thought he had to do something for someone.

Don Myers, 71, of Mongo, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at his home.

"My dad was my hero and my friend," said his daughter Tammy Hogan of Cromwell. "He taught me a lot about life and standing up for myself."

Hogan remembers spending a lot time with her dad growing up because she was his boy until her brother came along. She was thrilled to tag along with her dad to hunt mushrooms.

"He taught me to love the outdoors, and I spent a lot of time in the woods as a kid because of it."

When Hogan was 13 her dad took her out in the middle of a harvested corn field to teach her how to drive.

"He had an old Ford pickup with a steering wheel as big around as a tire. It was a stick shift and he was determined his daughters were going to learn to drive it," she said. Hogan was the last of his four daughters he taught to drive a stick shift.

For 34 years Mr. Myers owned Myers Bait and Tackle and then worked in his son's Town and Country Hardware Store in Shipshewana.

"Customers loved my dad," said son Kenneth Myers. "He was helpful and always smiling no matter how he felt."

On July 13, 1959, he married Phyllis M. Targgart. She resides in Mongo and described her husband as an energetic person, not one to sit around.

"He liked to be busy," she said. Mr. Myers was active in the Mongo community. He was a member for over 50 years of the Mongo Fire Department, and was a former fire chief. He was a member of the Mongo Lions Club, Ducks Unlimited and the Mongo United Methodist Church.

Mr. Myers is perhaps best known for playing Santa Claus at Christmas time for the fire department.

"He played Santa for many years, giving out bags of candy from the fire department to firefighters' kids on Christmas Eve," recalled his daughter Tammy. "He loved the expression of the kids' faces."

His wife Phyllis said she received sympathy cards from people who remembered her husband as Santa Claus when they were children.

"It was one of those things people remember as part of growing up in a small town," said his son Kenneth.

Mr. Myers was a very giving person. When he could no longer fight fires as a Mongo firefighter, he served as the fire department's secretary/treasurer. He organized fundraisers for the fire department. "Don did all the fundraisers, the breakfasts, fish frys, Christmas parties for kids," said his wife.

When he worked at the hardware store he didn't know much about hardware, but he loved to mingle with people and tell stories about gardening. He had a wealth of knowledge about gardening, said Tammy.

"Dad had a huge soft spot for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and they for him. We all loved and respected him very much."

His son Kenneth remembered how his father enjoyed family vacations. Two years ago the family spent a week together in a large beach house in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Dave Tropp of Howe was a long-time friend.

"What can you say about somebody that for over 50 years has been your best friend," he asked. "We shared good vacations, good times and done things together. We watched each other's children turn into fine adults. He stood by my side when I got married. I don't have any idea who said 'time heals all wounds,' but I'll tell you this, the person that said it never had a 50-year friendship."

In addition to his wife, his daughter Tammy, and his son Kenneth and wife Joanie, Mr. Myers is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Scott Smith of Middlebury, Vivian and Patrick White of Mongo, and Donna and Jon Slone of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Bernard Weiss of Mongo; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert L. and Phyllis Myers of Roswell, Ga., and Kevin and Kay Myers of Mongo.

He was buried in Mongo Cemetery in Mongo.

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Armond Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Armond Ritchie, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 11:05 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville, where he has resided since June 2008.

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Ricthie was a coal miner, and retired as a truck driver. He attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Kentucky to Orlando and Viney (Sutton) Ritchie. In June 1946, he married June Campbell in Hindman, Ky. She preceded him in death on May 6, 1986.

On Nov. 19, 1990, in Kendallville, he married Edna (Skaggs) Isbell. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Junie and Eddie Jones of Kendallville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Cathy Ritchie of Belle Center, Ohio, Kenneth and Keila Ritchie of Rome City, Brent and Betty Ritchie of Kendallville and Terry and Patty Ritchie of San Jose, Calif.; a stepson, Jimmy Isbell of Walkerton; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rosetta Terrille of Ohio and Billie Miller of Ligonier; and two brothers, Jennings Ritchie of Kentucky and Mark Ritchie of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Ritchie; a great-granddaughter, Caitlyn Martin; and a brother, Buford Ritchie.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post No. 381, Rome City.

Calling is Monday, 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to American Legion Post No. 381, Rome City.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfunerahome.com

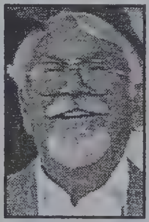
Charles Armstrong

AUBURN — Charles J. Armstrong 85, of Auburn, died Saturday at Betz Nursing Home.

Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Donald March

HUNTINGTON — Donald Frank March 75, of Huntington died on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at his residence.


Mr. March

He was born Aug. 19, 1934 in Fort Wayne to Frank L. and June (Davis) March. Both parents preceded him in death. He was married Feb. 1, 1957 to Carol W. Baker. She survives in Huntington.

Mr. March was a Navy Corpsman from 1951-55. He was a 1956 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include three daughters, Laraine and her husband John Nesbit of Avilla, April and her husband Ron Campos of Huntington and Dawn March White of Huntington; three sons, Jamison and his wife Jamie March of Kendallville, Geoffrey and his wife Lori March of Butler and Donald F. Jr. and his wife Tracey March of Garret; two sisters, Alice Sikes and Judy Fowler, both of Fort Meyers, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A small family memorial service will be at a later date.

McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences are to mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com

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Merdie Beverly

BURR OAK, Mich. — Merdie Beverly, 72, of Burr Oak, Mich., passed away Thursday evening, April 15, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Beverly

He was born in Rock House Holler on Quick Sand Creek in Elmrock, Ky., a son of the late Marion and Tilda Bell (Collins) Beverly.

Merdie settled in Burr Oak in 1969. His early life was spent in Kentucky. On June 24, 1957, he married Sarah Howard in LaGrange, Ind. She died Feb. 23, 1985. On April 1, 1988, he married Audrey Belcher in Teaberry, Ky.

Following over 30 years of employment with Morgan Olson in Sturgis, Mich., he retired in 2000.

He was a member of Mount Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, Ind. and was a member of the Chapel Hill Bluegrass Band.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Audrey; one son, Kenneth (Karen) Beverly of Burr Oak; two daughters, Carolyn (Jessie) Smith of Knott County, Ky., and Linda Beverly of Burr Oak; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Ivory Gault of Kendallville, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents, first wife, eight brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

The family will received friends from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. today at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes — Rosenberg Chapel, 807 E. Chicago Rd., Sturgis, Mich., where funeral services celebrating the life of Merdie Beverly will be held at 11 a.m. Monday. The Revs. Willie Collins, Ollie Smith and Ron Bell will officiate. A graveside committal will follow the service at the Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak.

Memorial donations may be directed to the charity of one's choice.

The obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

Ed Baer

MIDDLEBURY — Ed L. Baer, 59, of Middlebury, died at 12:34 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a brief illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. A private family burial will follow the funeral at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury. Services will be conducted by Rev. Linda Craig.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday and 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to Middlebury Food Pantry. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneral-home.com

Robert Nicolet

CLEAR LAKE — Robert C. Nicolet, 82, of Clear Lake and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Nicolet had been employed by OK Tool & Die and retired in 1980 after 30 years of service with Container Corp.

He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, and former member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept 14, 1927, in Fort Wayne the son of Eli and Alice Nicolet.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, of Clear Lake; two daughters, Karen Hughes, of Clear Lake and Kaylene (Douglas) Duncan of Churubusco; four grandchildren; and sister, Eleanor Swinehart of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Nicolet.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton, Winchester Road Chapel.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Send condolences on line to www.klaehnfahlmeltonfunerals.com

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Lawnie Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Lawnie Handshoe, 90, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Handshoe was a homemaker. She moved to Kendallville over 60 years ago from Kentucky.

She was born July 31, 1919, in Magoffin County, Kentucky, to James and Elizabeth (Hale) Howard. On Dec. 11, 1948, in Kentucky, she married Curtis Handshoe. He preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1998.

Mrs. Handshoe

She is survived by five daughters and three sons-in-laws, Sharon Handshoe, Phyllis and Clyde Homister, Caroline and Steve West and Audrey Bailey, all of Kendallville, and Joyce and Carl Fields of West Unity, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marie Bailey of Columbus, Ohio, and Renea Walters of Angola; and one brother, Lloyd Howard of Tutor Key, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Curtis Handshoe Jr.; two brothers; and a sister.

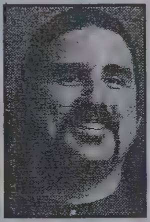
Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Chaplain David Griebel of Lutheran Life Villages officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Shane Cogan

KENDALLVILLE — Shane Edward Cogan, 47, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

He was born in Santa Anna, Calif. on Feb. 18, 1963, to Jack Edward and Sandra Lee (Brady) Cogan.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1981 and entered the United States Navy. He honorably his country for four years through the Lebanon Crisis.


Mr. Cogan

He worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier for a couple of years in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his father and mother, Jack and Sandy Cogan of Kendallville; one daughter, Kylie Niclole Cogan of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Michelle and Bo Baisden of Albion.

No funeral services scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville assisted the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Calling is Monday, noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Byron Balyeat

MIDDLEBURY — Byron "Buck" Balyeat, 90, of Goshen, formerly of Middlebury, died at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010 at his daughter's residence in Middlebury.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, conducted by Rev. William Steinke. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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Shannon Kline

SOUTH MILFORD — Shannon Marie Kline, 30, of South Milford died Saturday, April 17, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a short illness.

Ms. Kline

Ms. Kline was a 1999 graduate of Prairie Heights High School. She attended Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was born Aug. 31, 1979, in LaGrange to Thomas and Gloria (Rice) Kline. Her parents preceded her in death.

Survivors include a brother, Nickolaus Kline of Rome City; her grandmother, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford; her foster mother, Patty Rowland of Clinton, Tennessee; two foster sisters, Melissa Osborn of Fort Wayne and Gabrielle Marzion of Kendallville; three aunts, Cinda Rice of LaGrange, Cheryl (Rice) Wible of LaGrange and Sue Ann Rice of LaGrange; and two uncles, Greg Kline of Chico, California, and Larry Kline of Fort Collins, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Carl Kline, and an aunt, Barbara (Rice) Wible.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Sam Weimer of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Charles Armstrong

AUBURN — Charles "Junior" Armstrong, 85, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong retired from Auburn Gear in 1989. He was also a farmer, a school bus driver for DeKalb Eastern Schools, and an insurance agent for Farm Bureau.

Mr. Armstrong attended church at the Auburn Church of Christ.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School.

He was born on July 28, 1924, in Jackson Township to Charles W. and Flossie (Warstler) Armstrong. He married Dolores Krontz on Sept. 1, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis (Shirley) Armstrong of Coldwater, Mich., and Ronald and Deanna Armstrong of Churubusco; three daughters, Reva (Lane) Brown of Fremont, Brenda Applegate of Vancouver, Wash,, and Julie (Scott) Levinson of Herndon, Va.; a sister, Avis Baird of Butler; a sister-in-law, Wilma "Till" Armstrong of Butler; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dale Armstrong; and a sister, Beatrice Freidenberger.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Joseph Heins officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Taryn Brown

ST. JOE - Taryn L. Brown, 51, of St. Joe, Indiana, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Judy Wright

FORT WAYNE — Judy E. Wright, 66, of Fort Wayne died at 12:04 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wright

She was a 1962 graduate of Salem Center High School.

She was born Nov. 5, 1943, in Kendallville to Olen and Glyndon L. (Smith) Wright.

Surviving are her mother, Glyndon L. Wright of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Dawn Belcher of Angola and Brad and Michelle Belcher of Syracuse; and three grandchildren, Dylan, Colton and Madison Belcher.

She was preceded in death by her father, Olen K. Wright in 1977.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairfield Cemetery with Chaplain David Griebel officiating.

There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Kenneth Fee

HAMILTON — Services for Kenneth D. Fee, 83 of Hamilton, will be held Friday at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Mr. Fee died Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola, Indiana.

Donald Purnell

CROMWELL — Donald D. Purnell, 83, of Cromwell died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Mable Bradley

KENDALLVILLE — Mable Bradley, 84, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Josephine Bailey

AUBURN — Josephine Bailey, 70, of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at the University Of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Arrangements pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Willis Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — Willis E. Hochstetler, 88, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Eli Hochstetler residence, 2675 E. C.R. 150N, LaGrange. Bloomfield Cemetery.

Calling after 4 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Eli Hochstetler residence.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Keuneke

AUBURN — Evelyn Keuneke, 84, of Auburn died Saturday April 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Josephine Fugate

LAGRANGE — Josephine Fugate, 68, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 11:12 a.m. in her residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the church with evening services at 6 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's paper.

Jamey Clemons

CROMWELL — Visitation for Jamey Ray Clemons, 37, of Cromwell, who died Thursday, Apri 15 as a result of an ATV accident near Syracuse, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron, Ind.

No funeral service is planned. Online condolences can be sent to the family through www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

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Josephine Fugate

LAGRANGE — Josephine Fugate, 68, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 11:12 a.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Fugate

Mrs. Fugate moved to the LaGrange area 44 years ago from Kentucky. She had worked at Starcraft in Emmatown.

Mom was a loving person to everybody. She was fun and full of laughter, showing the world how to always have a good time. She especially loved her grandchildren, shopping, flowers, and her family. She will be dearly missed by all.

She was born May 7, 1941, in Perry County, Kentucky, to Brack and Madie (Jones) Caudill. On March 8, 1960, in Dwarf, Kentucky, she married Charles Glenn Fugate. He preceded her in death on September 19, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Thomas Davis of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Brackie and Lori Fugate of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Chelsy Jo Fugate, Kayla Lynn Fugate and Cale Davis; one great-grandson, Zachary Charles Brown; five sisters, Margie Noble, Ann Chatt, Corina Fugate, Billie Jean Slone and Jolene Smith, all of Kentucky; and a brother, Charles David Slone of Kentucky.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Delvin Caudill, and three sisters, Pearl Caudill, Felicia Slone and Annette Roberts.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from noon to 9 p.m. at the church where there will be evening services at 6 p.m.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Mable Bradley

KENDALLVILLE — Mable Bradley, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bradley

Mrs. Bradley was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on September 5, 1926, to the late Edward and Myrtle (Coburn) Bailey.

She married Isadore Bradley on June 3, 1947, in Kentucky and he preceded her death March 23, 2009.

She was a nurse's aide and employed in the past with the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City.

Survivors include a son, Robert and Carolyn Bradley of Kendallville; a daughter, Carla Halferty of Helmer; five grandchildren, Scott Gamble, Wendell David Parker, Heather Stegemann, Kevin Bradley and Kyle Bradley; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Rudolph and Margie Bailey of Antwerp, Ohio; and a sister, Geneva and John Williams of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Parker, and granddaughter, Kelly Bradley.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Dr. Floyd Johnson

LAOTTO — Dr. Floyd "Doc" Joseph Johnson D.V.M., age 76 of LaOtto, Ind., died at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born March 1, 1934, in Garrett, Ind., to Stephen A. and Sylvia M. (Imbody) Johnson. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Ellen Howe on May 30, 1964, in Hudson, Ind.

Prior to being co-owner of the Garrett Veterinary Hospital from 1970-2004, he was in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the K of C Council 1790 and the American Veterinary Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Johnson of LaOtto; a daughter, Julie Anne (Joseph) Talley of Oregon City, Ore.; son, Arthur John "Butch" (Angie) Johnson of Auburn; a brother, Arthur (Rose) Johnson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Emma, Andrew and Sarah Talley all of Oregon City, Ore., Brittney Kiessling of Fort Wayne, Blake Blaker of Auburn and Dane Johnson of Auburn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Chuck Herman celebrating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, IN.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Evelyn Keuneke

AUBURN — Evelyn I. Keuneke, 84, of Auburn went to be with the lord Saturday, April 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Born February 5, 1926, in Mongo, she was the daughter of the late Charles Leroy and Della Viola Wingard.

She was a homemaker and member of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori Ann and Barry Rowe of Angola and Teresa and Ramon Gil of Irmo South Carolina; two sisters, Carolyn Earnest of Fort Wayne and Carol Murphy of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Miguel (Kristen) Gil of Irmo, South Carolina and Austin Rowe of Angola; a great-grandson, Logan Gil; two brothers-in-law, Roland and Karl Keuneke, both of Fort Wayne; four sisters-in-law, Mick, Shirley, Jean and Carol Keuneke and Betty Bender, all of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 23, at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Marie Patterson

LAGRANGE — Marie Patterson, 84, of Howe died at 12:30 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2010, at her residence.

Marie had been a homemaker all of her life.

She was born December 15, 1925, in Knott County, Ky., to James Patrick and Celia Terry. She married Daniel G. Patterson on October 23, 1943, in Bulan, Ky. He preceded her in death November 30, 1992.

Mrs. Patterson

Surviving are a daughter, Durma L. Butcher of Howe, Indiana; 11 grandchildren, Danny and Tara Patterson, Donald and Christine Patterson, Rhonda Patterson, Paula and Bob Hill, Lola Patterson, Jamie and Bobby Hankinson, Dana Matthew Fisk, Raschael and Jon Whatley, James Edward Elliot Jr. and Michael Smith Patterson; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Billy James and Bobby Joe Patterson; a daughter, Patty Lou Elliott; and 14 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Ky., with calling there from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 23.

Burial will be in Patrick Cemetery in Bearsville, Ky.

Additional calling will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to condolences@earthlink.net

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Josephine Bailey

AUBURN — Josephine Bailey, 70, of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Bailey

She was born March 28, 1940, in Rockford, Ky., the daughter of Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buck J. Bailey.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmie and Trena Bailey of Bronson, Mich., and Michael and Peg Bailey of Fremont; three daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Robert Forrester of Montgomery, Mich., Brenda and Marty Force of Fremont and Annette and Randy Beber of Auburn; 15 grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Jo Bolen of LaGrange, Annie Kessler of North Manchester, Betty VanHozzer of Wolcottville and Helen Chriswell of Waterloo; and two brothers, Roy Collins of Kendallville and Ray Collins of Albion.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Timmie Bailey; three sisters, Irene Belcher, Geraldine Collins and Nannie McPherson; a brother, Sonny Collins; a grandson, Robert Bailey; and a granddaughter, Brandy Cassabon.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Taryn Brown

ST. JOE — Taryn L. Brown, 51, of St. Joe died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1959, in Perkin, Ill. Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Charles D. Brown of St. Joe; and a son, Jett Gejion of Perkin, Ill.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 111 East Ludwig Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Krauskopf

FORT WAYNE — Betty L. Krauskopf, 86, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Krauskopf was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Suburban Church. Mrs. Krauskopf was active in homemaker clubs and helping her church.

Mrs. Krauskopf

She was born June 16, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Edna (Arnett) Swain. She married Harold Krauskopf on Oct. 26, 1940. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Dale and Lynette Krauskopf of Auburn, Terry and Kay Krauskopf of Contonement, Fla., and Jeff and Jacquie Krauskopf of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donna Johnson of Bronson, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Harry Swain; and a grandson, Mark.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Suburban Church with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Suburban Church, Decatur Road, Fort Wayne.

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John Greuter II

GARRETT — John M. Greuter II, age 57 of Garrett, Indiana, died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at his home.

He was born January 13, 1953, in Noble County to John M. and Betty Jane (Thomas) Greuter and they preceded him in death.

He was an Air Force veteran from 1978 to 1979 and was a laborer at Cold Heading in Ashley, Indiana, for a few years.

He is survived by a daughter, Tracey and Bradley Bley; and two sons, Chris and LaPamela Greuter and Shay Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana. He is also survived by two brothers, Sam and Diane Greuter of Auburn, Indiana and Joe Greuter of Kendallville, Indiana; and two sisters, Roxanne and Larry Williams of Auburn, Indiana, and Alaura and Rod Parrish of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Also surviving are his four grandsons, Aaron and Adam Bley and Steven Simpkins and Christopher Greuter II, all of Garrett; and his four granddaughters, Ashley and Amber Bley, Shai Greuter, and Olivia Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana.

A military graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the chapel at the VA Medical Center at Marion, Indiana. The U.S. Air Force will provide military honors.

Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

David Fleck

FORT WAYNE — David Fleck, 57, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

Mr. Fleck worked in construction restoration.

He was also a woodworker and craftsman.

Mr. Fleck had previously lived in the Angola area.

He was born March 15, 1953, in Noble County to Gerald R. and Alice (Burris) Fleck. His mother survives in Fort Wayne and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are his siblings, Carol Moran of Fort Wayne, Karen Lee of Goshen, Terry Fleck of Fort Wayne, Joan Simental of Austin, Texas, Julie Fleck of Fort Wayne, Randy Fleck of Fort Wayne, Jackie Hajkowski of Edgewater, Md., and Angie Wimpress of North Hollywood, Calif.; his god daughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Indiana Fish and Wildlife.

Condolences may be sent online to www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com

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Karen Rapp

CHURUBUSCO — Karen Salesman Rapp, 57, of Churubusco died Friday, April 16, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service at the church Friday.

Interment will be in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 1315 Directors Row, No. 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Geraldine Clark

AUBURN — Geraldine L. Clark, 89, of Auburn, died Monday, April 19, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Ralph Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Ralph A. Yoder, 69, of Shipshewana died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital or the Shipshewana United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Donald Purnell

CROMWELL — Donald D. Purnell, 83, died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Avalon Village Nursing Home.

Private burial will take place at Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Cromwell Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 354, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Bufford Terry

ALBION — Bufford "Deke" Terry, 69, of Albion died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 2:25 a.m. in his residence. He had been ill since 2006.

Mr. Terry

Mr. Terry retired after 30 years from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was and avid fisherman, who liked the outdoors and hunting. He enjoyed participating in bass fishing tournaments. Nothing was more important to him than his family. He dearly loved them all.

He was born November 18, 1940, in Hindman, Kentucky, to Shelby and Helen (Sawyer) Terry. On November 14, 1959, in Stroh he married Patricia Ann Gilbert.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Ann Terry of Albion; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Deb Terry of Wolcottville, Tim and Lola Terry of Ligonier and Gary and Sherry Terry of Albion; nine grandchildren, Pam Terry, Melissa Terry, Holly Terry, Heather Terry, Doug Terry, Ashley Terry, Corey VanEs, Mike and Bree Taulbee, and Eric Terry; four great-grandchildren, Aubree, Ashton, Dakota and Michaela and a great-granddaughter due anytime, Raylin; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Maudie Criswell of Kendallville, Shelby Jean and Bob Millhouse of Albion, Ruby and Bill Gayheart of LaGrange, and JoAnn and Robert Haston of LaGrange; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Opsy Terry of Middlebury, Roy and Judy Terry of Corbin, Kentucky, Shelby Terry, Jr. and Deb Terry of Wolcottville, and Glenn and Linda Terry of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Londa Terry of Rome City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Shelby Terry; his mother, Helen Gibson; a stepfather, John Henry Gibson; a sister, Mavis Terry; and two brothers, Randell Terry and Edgell Terry.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 23, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

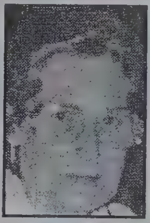
Calling is Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Due to health reasons, the family requests that no live flowers be sent for the service.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Nellie Sturdivant

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nellie Marie Sturdivant, 81, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at her home in Wolcottville with her family by her side.


Mrs. Sturdivant

She was a member of the New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

She was born in Salt Lick, Knott County, Ky., on July 15, 1928, to Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore.

Surviving are three sons, Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville, Rev. Wade and Deb Sturdivant of LaGrange and David Sturdivant of Wolcottville; two daughters, Jackie and Denny Thompson of Topeka and Pauline Ritter of Rome City; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucinda and Rev. Lee Combs of Wolcottville; a brother, Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City; and two half sisters, Irene Helton of Winchester, Ky., and Yvonne Collins of Garrett, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; three sisters, Elsie Gibson, Violet Sturdivant and Lillie Itchner; two brothers, Farris Moore and Chester Moore; and a half sister, Christene Moore.

Visitation will be anytime after 2 p.m. Thursday at the New Freedom Baptist Church, 300 N. Sycamore St., LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville in in charge of arrangement.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Geraldine Clark

Mrs. Clark

AUBURN — Geraldine L. Clark, 89, of Auburn, died Monday, April 19, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Clark worked as an assembler for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for over 30 years, retiring in 1983.

She was born in DeKalb County to Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. She married R. Royce Clark on Oct. 6, 1951, in Portland, Ind. He died Aug. 18, 1983.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Sandy Boren of New Castle, Robert and Andrea Kester of Carmel, and Jack and Kim Clark of St. Joe; a daughter, Carolyn and John Schlup of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Luella and Raymond Aschleman of Auburn, Norma and Robert Dickison of Garrett and Sue Bock of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Richard Lint of Fort Wayne; and three sisters-in-law, Patricia Brown of Auburn, Glenna Brown of Auburn and Ann Brown of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Judith Lint; five brothers, Howard Brown, Clyde Brown, Edwin Brown, Clarence Brown and Richard Brown; and one great-granddaughter, Karli J. Bryan.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Lonzo Jones

LAGRANGE — Lonzo L. "Sonny" Jones, 74, of LaGrange died Monday, April 19, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Cremation has taken place.

A graveside service will be conducted by the LaGrange American Legion Post at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripayfuneralhome.com

John Greuter II

Mr. Greuter

GARRETT — John M. Greuter II, age 57 of Garrett, Indiana, died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at his home.

He was born January 13, 1953, in Noble County to John M. and Betty Jane (Thomas) Greuter and they preceded him in death.

He was a laborer at Cold Heading in Ashley, Indiana, for a few years.

Mr. Greuter served in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force for six years.

He is survived by a daughter, Tracey and Bradley Bley; and two sons, Chris and LaPamela Greuter and Shay Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana. He is also survived by two brothers, Sam and Diane Greuter of Auburn, Indiana and Joe Greuter of Kendallville, Indiana; and two sisters, Roxanne and Larry Williams of Auburn, Indiana, and Alaura and Rod Parrish of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Also surviving are his four grandsons, Aaron and Adam Bley and Steven Simpkins and Christopher Greuter II, all of Garrett; and his four granddaughters, Ashley and Amber Bley, Shai Greuter, and Olivia Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana.

A military graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the chapel at the VA Medical Center at Marion, Indiana. The U.S. Air Force will provide military honors.

Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

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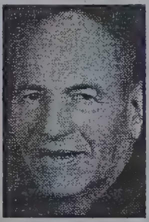
Dr. Floyd Johnson


Dr. Johnson

LAOTTO — Dr. Floyd "Doc" Joseph Johnson D.V.M., age 76 of LaOtto, Ind., died at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born March 1, 1934, in Garrett, Ind., to Stephen A. and Sylvia M. (Imbody) Johnson. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Ellen Howe on May 30, 1964, in Hudson, Ind.

Prior to being co-owner of the Garrett Veterinary Hospital from 1970-2004, he was in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the K of C Council 1790 and the American Veterinary Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Johnson of LaOtto; a daughter, Julie Anne (Joseph) Talley of Oregon City, Ore.; son, Arthur John "Butch" (Angie) Johnson of Auburn; a brother, Arthur (Rose) Johnson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Emma, Andrew and Sarah Talley all of Oregon City, Ore., Brittney Kiessling of Fort Wayne, Blake Blaker of Auburn and Dane Johnson of Auburn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Chuck Herman celebrating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, IN.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Elizabeth Zegenfus

Ms. Zegenfus

AUBURN — Elizabeth A. "Beth" Zegenfus, 60, died Monday, April 19, 2010 ,at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn following her long battle with cancer.

Beth was born on December 2, 1949, in Auburn to Garthard G. and Mary E. (Latson) Zegenfus.

She was a member of the last graduating class from Auburn High School in 1967, and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She spent 30 years in the insurance profession, with Scott Insurance Agency and later at Brown & Brown where she retired in 2007.

Beth enjoyed boating, water sports, and especially enjoyed vacationing in the Virginia Beach area.

She loved country music, expecially the Statler Brothers, the Oak Ridge Boys and Alan Jackson.

Surviving Beth is her mother, Mary E. Zegenfus of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her father, Garthard G. Zegenfus.

Calling for Beth will be on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Stephen K. Kummernuss officiating.

Arrangements by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola.

Due to her love of cats and her avid support of the DeKalb County Relay for Life Events, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the DeKalb County Humane Society or Betz Nursing Home-Relay For Life Team.

To view the obit or sign the register book go to www.hejohnsonfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
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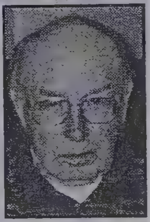
Kenneth Fee

HAMILTON — Kenneth D. Fee, 83, of Hamilton died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola where he had been a resident the past three years.


Mr. Fee

He was born April 26, 1926, on the family farm, one mile south of Hamilton. He was the son of the late Charlie and Agnes (Everitt) Fee.

A Korean War Army veteran, Kenneth was a self-employed farmer, farming the family farm for his entire career. He also was employed by the Dana Corporation in Auburn, retiring with 30 years of service.

Surviving is his sister, Marlene (Loren) Jinnings Jr. of Pleasant Lake, Indiana; a brother, Leland Fee of Auburn, Indiana; along with 16 nieces and nephews, with numerous great-nieces and nephews.

His parents, brother, Ronald Fee, and a sister Ruby Stomm, preceded him in death.

Visitation for Kenneth D. Fee will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 2-4 and 6- 8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, Indiana.

Funeral services for Kenneth D. Fee will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating. Interment will follow in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials in the name of Kenneth D. Fee may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Donnie Likens

BUTLER — Donnie R. Likens, 26, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at his home in Butler.

There are no services or calling scheduled.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Madonna Booth

KENDALLVILLE — Madonna M. (Hefner) Booth, 81, of Kendallville died Monday, April 19, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, Ind.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren.

Patti Mowry

AUBURN — Patti L. Mowry, 52, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

There will be no calling.

A service will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Austin Berkey

GOSHEN — Austin L. Berkey, 77, of Goshen died Sunday at the Greencroft Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Meeting House. Services will be conducted by Chaplain Velma Swartz.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials may be given to Greencroft Foundation.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Roland Raper

KENDALLVILLE — Roland John Raper, 70, of Kendallville and formerly of Wawaka died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 7:05 a.m. in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 21 2010, Wednesday

Double fatality crash in Noble County

LIGONIER, IN — Indiana State Troopers investigated a two vehicle crash that occurred April 15, 2010 on US 6, approximately one-half mile west of County Road 600 W that claimed the lives of two people from Kosciusko County.

According to Senior Trooper Steve Malone, at approximately 8:30 am, a 1998 Oldsmobile Alero was traveling eastbound on US 6, west of County Road 600 W, when for an unknown reason, it traveled left of center. In doing so, it struck a westbound 2008 International truck owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad.

As a result of the crash, both the driver of the Oldsmobile, Kevin L. Higgins, 45, of Syracuse Indiana and his passenger Ariel C. Butcher, 19, of

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Double fatality in Noble County

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Warsaw, Indiana were pronounced dead at the scene by Noble County Coroner, Dr. Terry Gaff. Malone said that both Higgins and Butcher were wearing their seatbelts, but because of the severity of the crash, their injuries were not survivable. It's not readily known if drugs or alcohol were a contributing factor.

The driver of the truck, Martin E. Clement, 59, of Genoa, Ohio and his passenger, Jerry E. Myers, 58, of Oak Harbor, Ohio were both wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash and were not injured. US 6 was closed between US 33 and County Road 600 W for approximately four hours while emergency crews worked to separate the two vehicles and clear the roadway of debris.

Malone was assisted at the scene by the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, the Noble County Sheriff Department, the Noble County Coroner's Office, the Ligonier Police and Fire Departments, Noble County EMS and Campbell's Towing.

A Kosciusko County man and woman were killed when the vehicle in which they were traveling on U.S. 6 east of Ligonier just west of C.R. 600 W went left of center and collided with a truck owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 21 2010, Wednesday

Shawna Rene Glessner, 29

Shawna Rene Glessner, age 29, of Fort Wayne, died on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at home.

Shawna was born in Kendallville on October 8, 1980 to Larry and Rebecca Ann (Mendenhall) Davis.

She liked to listen to the music of Michael Jackson, and she enjoyed eating chocolate and milkshakes, going shopping and getting her nails manicured.

Shawna also loved spending time with her family and friends and watching SpongeBob.

Survivors include: father, Larry Davis of Kendallville. mother, Rebecca Davis and her companion, John Ward of Kendallville; sisters, Christina Glessner of Kendallville, Brittney Davis of Kendallville; aunts and uncles; Mark and Rhonda Mendenhall of Kendallville, and Susan and Angelo Tsetse of Kendallville, Donna and Rex Allen of Kendallville, Maria and Jerry Renz of Kendallville, Michelle and Leon Shrock of Wolcottville, Paula Sibert and her companion, Dave Newhard of Rome City, and Matthew and Carrie Mendenhall of Kendallville; nieces and nephews; Tyler Ebert, Sarah Ebert, and Ethan Ritchie; friends and staff of Candlewick Group Home and Anthony Wayne Services of Allen County, and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Keith and Carolyn Mendenhall and her uncle, Dave Sibert.

Funeral services were Friday, April 16, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Tyler Ward.

Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to to the family for funeral expenses.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Donald D. Purnell, 83

Donald D. Purnell, age 83, of Cromwell, IN died April 18, 2010 at 5:50 a.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 3, 1926 in Du Quoin, IL to Norman and Edna (Bargesser) Purnell.

He married Betty Holt on July 6, 1948. She preceded him in death in 2002.

Donald moved to the area in 1971 coming from Hammond, IN and worked as a truck driver for several years.

He served his country honorably in the United States Army and was a member of the Cromwell Masonic Lodge #705.

Survivors include: one daughter, Judy Gershkowitz of Lakeland, FL; one son Roger Purnell of Cromwell, IN; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; a son, Ricky Purnell; and three brothers, Cecil, Leon, and Harry Purnell.

A private burial will take place in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions can be made to Cromwell Masonic Lodge, PO Box 354, Cromwell, IN 46732.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 21 2010, Wednesday

Kathryn Roberta Reed, 92

Kathryn Roberta Reed, age 92, of Stroh, died on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reed was born in Stroh on April 12, 1918 to the late Robert and Alma Leora (Forst) Pierce.

She graduated salutatorian of her class from Salem Center High School in 1936.

On December 23, 1942 she married Norman A. Reed in LaGrange and he preceded her death January 6, 2008.

Mrs. Reed was a homemaker and member of the Stroh Church of Christ since childhood.

As a young woman, she played the piano for worship services for 12 years.

Kathryn loved to read, go for long afternoon rides in the car and spend time with her family and friends.

Survivors include: daughter, Sheryl Skinner of South Milford; grandchildren, Brandon and Ashley Skinner of Sylvan Lake; great-grandson, Oliver Skinner; brother, Frank Pierce of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers; Gerald and Robert Pierce and sister, Mary Jean Pierce.

Funeral Services were Monday, April 19, 2010 at Church of Christ, Stroh.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Mike Hamm.

Burial was at Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Casketbearers were Brandon Skinner, her nephews; Bob Pierce, Matt Pierce, Bill Pierce, Rick Pierce, Greg Pierce, and Dave Pierce.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Stroh Church of Christ or Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Roma E. Heffner, 91

Roma E. Heffner, 91, currently of Ligonier and formerly of Topeka and Wolcottville, IN, died on Friday, April 9, 2010 at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Roma was born on September 4, 1918 in Ligonier, Indiana to the late Milo and Dessie (Miller) Renner. On March 24, 1940, at her parents residence in Ligonier, she married Tharon Heffner, he preceded her in death on August 26, 2001.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two daughters Twila J. Cox and Melonie K. Heffner.

Roma was employed with Starcraft for 30 years and was also a homemaker.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law Brent and Mary Kay Heffner of Edwardsburg, Michigan; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Friday, April 16, 2010 at the Ulrey - Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier.

The Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiated the service.

She was cremated.

Ash burial was on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Donor's Choice.

The family would also like to take this time to thank the entire staff of the Avalon Village and Southern Care Hospice for all the caring and kindness shown to Roma during this difficult time. Your words and deeds will not soon be forgotten.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 21 2010, Wednesday

Mable Bradley, 83

Mable Bradley, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bradley was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on September 5, 1926 to the late Edward and Myrtle (Coburn) Bailey.

She married Isadore Bradley on June 3, 1947 in Kentucky and he preceded her death March 23, 2009.

She was a nurse's aide and employed in the past with the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City.

Survivors include: son, Robert and Carolyn Bradley of Kendallville; daughter, Carla Halferty of Helmer; five grandchildren: Scott Gamble, Wendell David Parker, Heather Stegemann, Kevin Bradley and Kyle Bradley; six great-grandchildren; brother, Rudolph and Margie Bailey of Antwerp, Ohio; sister, Geneva and John Williams of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Parker and granddaughter, Kelly Bradley.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 3:00-6:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 10:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

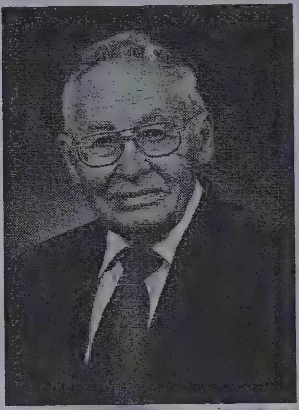
Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home – 403 South Main Street - Kendallville, Indiana 46755 Brian DeCamp: 343-8177, Andy David: 318-2712, Office Phone: 347-1653.

Wilbur J. Buffenbarger, 99



Wilbur J. Buffenbarger, 99, of Columbia City, died Tuesday morning, April 13, 2010 at Oak Pointe where he had been a resident since 2000.

He was born October 28, 1910 in Noble Township, Noble County a son of Clarence L. and Flora A. (Gray) Buffenbarger. His formative years were spent at Crane Lake in Noble Township. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1929.

On December 26, 1945 he was united in marriage to Ruth Ellen Butz. They made their home on a farm in York Township, Noble County. Mrs. Buffenbarger died in April 1995. In 1999 Wilbur moved to Albion for a year before moving to Oak Pointe.

He engaged in general farming until 1965 when he began his employment with Noble County Highway Department, retiring in 1975.

His memberships included Merriam Christian Chapel, Noble County Historical Society, Noble County Farm Bureau and he was on the York Township Advisory Board.

Surviving relatives include two daughters; Sue (Bob) McKinney of North Canton, Ohio and Ann (Jon) Andresen of Brownsburg; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister, Jessie Swartz.

The funeral service was held Sunday, April 18, at Merriam Christian Chapel, 39855 U.S. 33. The burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Preferred memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel or St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 21 2010, Wednesday

Shane Edward Cogan, 47

Shane Edward Cogan, age 47, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

He was born in Santa Anna, California on February 18, 1963 to Jack Edward and Sandra Lee (Brady) Cogan.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1981 and entered the United States Navy. He honorably served his country for four years through the Lebanon Crisis.

He worked at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier for a couple of years in Fort Wayne.

Shane loved riding his Harley motorcycle and he was a very good etching and sketching artist.

Survivors include; parents, Jack and Sandy Cogan of Kendallville; daughter, Kylie Niclole Cogan of Fort Wayne; sister, Michelle and Bo Baisden of Albion.

No funeral services scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville assisted the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home – 403 South Main Street - Kendallville, Indiana 46755, Brian DeCamp: 343-8177, Andy David: 318-2712, Office Phone: 347-1653.

Nancy Sue Carter, 59

Nancy Sue Carter, age 59, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Carter was born in Rushville, Indiana on August 7, 1950 to the late Carlton Eugene and Beatrice Marie (Shane) Gwinnup.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1968.

She married David S. Carter on October 24, 1992 in Kendallville.

Nancy was employed for many years as a store clerk with Fischer's Pharmacy and PharmaCare in Kendallville.

She was proud of the fact that she was a licensed airplane pilot since 1995.

Nancy was a pro at jigsaw puzzles. She was an avid reader, loved doing her yard work, gardening, sewing and she enjoyed camping and travelling.

She loved having her grandkids around to spend time with and enjoyed collecting lots of different things. Nancy also had a great sense of humor and she was a good joke teller!

Survivors include: husband, David Carter of Kendallville; daughter, Jane (Jamathan) Cox of Peru, Indiana; son, Steve Krieger of Kendallville; daughter, Stacy Krieger of Kendallville; step-son, Chris Carter of Kendallville; 14 grandsons and two granddaughters; sister, Linda (Bill) Routsong of Kendallville; brother and sister-in-law, Colin and Dessa Carter of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Julie Ann McKenzie in 1974.

Visitation was Monday, April 19, 2010, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services were Monday, April 19, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was President John Owen.

Preferred Memorials may be made to C.A.S.A. of Noble County.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home – 403 South Main Street - Kendallville, Indiana 46755, Brian DeCamp: 343-8177, Andy David: 318-2712, Office Phone: 347-1653.

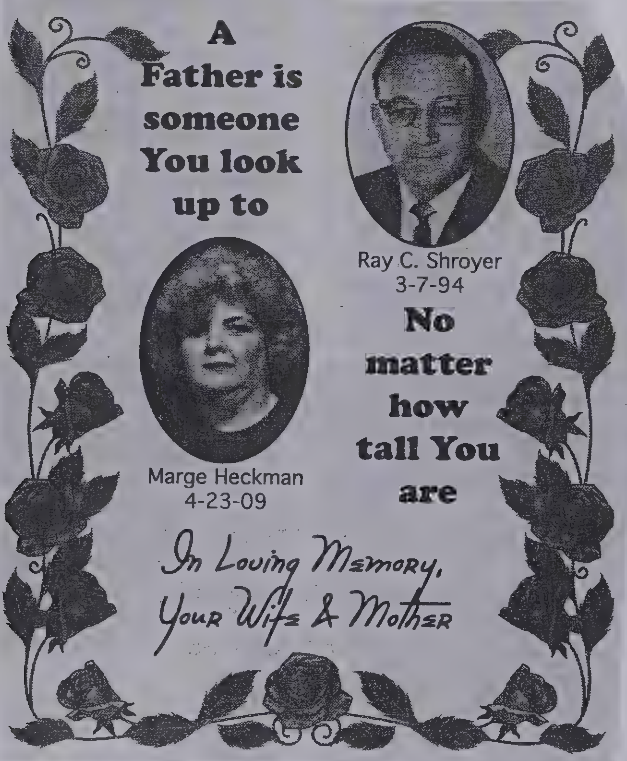
ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 21 2010, Wednesday

Jimmy L. Erdly

The Indiana National Guard will conduct a Military sevice for the late Jimmy L. Erdly at 1 p.m. On Sunday, April 25, 2010 at Wolf Lake Cemetery located on C.R. 50 S off of U.S. 33 north of Wolf Lake, Indiana.

Erdly, who was the Noble County Veteran's Service Officer for four years, died Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Family and friends are invited to attend this service which had to be delayed in January due to weather conditions.



Donald Meyer, 57

Editor's Note: The following obituary is being republished to correct information provided by the family.

Donald E. Meyer, 57, a resident of rural Albion, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the family residence in York Township. He had been in declining health since 2006, and had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mr. Meyer was born on November 1, 1952. He attended the former York Center School, and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1971.

Employed at the Fort Wayne Foundry in Columbia City, he had worked there as a quality control and maintenance worker. He had also previously been employed at Newnam's Foundry and Seamco, both in Kendallville.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. As a young man, he was active in 4-H and the York Township Horse & Pony Club. In his leisure time he enjoyed horses, bowling, golfing, playing the drums, canoeing and kayaking.

On September 28, 1990 he was married in Avilla to Lori Ann Harris. She survives.

Other surviving relatives include his son David E. Meyer of Albion; his parents Janet and Robert Miller of Albion; his siblings Lee Ann Wicker of Auburn, Lisa Brashear of Albion, Robert (Charlotte) Miller, Jr. of Moriarty, N.M, and Brenda (John) Moyer of Kendallville; an uncle Duane (Donna) Meyer of Fort Wayne; an aunt Jeannie Meyer of Churubusco; an aunt Pat (Duane) Norris of Albion; two grandchildren Dirk E. Meyer and Lillian Jean Meyer; and his in-laws Robert and Henrietta Harris of LaOtto.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Dale E. and Virginia Meyer; an uncle Dale R. Meyer; a sister-in-law Lynn Rose; and a close friend Pat Biddle.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, in the Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E 500 S-57, Churubusco, with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Women's Care Center, P.O. Box 12966, Fort Wayne, IN 46866; or Boys & Girls Clubs, 2609 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807

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Man murdered near Cromwell

Crime scene located just across county line in Kosciusko County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CROMWELL — Three juveniles are being questioned in Illinois in connection with a murder in the northeast portion of Kosciusko County Wednesday morning. The Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department is investigating the crime.

The overnight shooting in the Enchanted Hills addition left one man dead.

According to Kosciusko County Sheriff Rocky Goshert, deputies responded to 9219 East Doswell Blvd., Cromwell, early Wednesday morning and they found Phil Danner, 49, who had apparently been shot to death.

Goshert stated that three juveniles are currently in custody at the Peru, Ill., police department who are believed to have some connection to the murder. Kosciusko County law enforcement officials are working with authorities from that department to investigate the murder.

Goshert said police in Illinois contacted the sheriff's department around 5 a.m. Wednesday. Officers in Peru had stopped a suspicious vehicle around 3 a.m. They found a 15-year-old and two 12-year-olds in the vehicle. One of the juveniles allegedly told officers that one of the other juveniles had shot his stepfather, and there may have been an argument before the shooting.

Enchanted Hills is in Kosciusko County but is serviced by the Cromwell branch of the United States Postal Service, so people living there have a Cromwell address.

According to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman, his department has not been asked to assist in any aspect of the investigation.

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Betty Simpson

FREMONT — Betty Ann Simpson, 75, of Fremont died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Simpson

Mrs. Simpson was a homemaker.

She had lived most of her life in Steuben County. She graduated from Metz High School.

Mrs. Simpson enjoyed gardening, reading and traveling.

She was born March 29, 1935, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Earl and Vera (Turner) Fee. She married Richard R. "Dick" Simpson on Sept. 23, 1956, in Metz. He died Jan. 25, 2006.

Surviving are a daughter, Lisa Sidwell of Angola; two sons, Steven Simpson of Fremont and Randy Simpson of Angola; a granddaughter, Shawna Sidwell of Hopkinsville, Ky.; a grandson, Ryan Sidwell of Angola; and a sister, Doris Tilghman of Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be at a later date in South Scott Cemetery at Angola.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

George Baughman

HARLAN — George M. Baughman, 67, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville with Pastor Gary Gates officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Scipio United Brethren Church, 24990 Antwerp Road, Harlan, IN 46743 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Roger Zambarda

HOWE — Roger F. Zambarda, 59, of Howe died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sturgis Missionary Church, 67080 N-M 66 (Nottawa Street), Sturgis, Mich., with Rev. Bob L. Renner officiating.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the Sturgis Missionary Church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society or Sturgis Missionary Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Young

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Evelyn Young, 92, of Crawfordsville and formerly of Albion died Monday, April 19, 2010, at the St. Clare Medical Center in Crawfordsville following an illness of two weeks.

Private family services will be held at the Berean Baptist Church in Albion with Pastor Doug Keenan officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling hours will be private.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials are to Berean Baptist Church, 110 Highland Park Drive, Albion, IN 46701.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Diana Alderman

BERNE — Diana Lynn (Kizer) Alderman, 64, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at Chalet Village in Berne following an extended illness.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett. Pastor Ron Collins will officiate. The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. in the church basement following the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Family Hospice, 265 West Water St., Berne, IN 46711.

Michael Waffle

FLINT, Mich. — Michael Waffle, 52, of Flint, Mich., died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at McLaren Hospital, Flint.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1357 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

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Juveniles charged in Cromwell murder

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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WARSAW —Three juveniles are facing charges in connection with a murder near Cromwell, according to the Kosciusko County Prosecutor's office.

The 15-year-old stepson of murder victim Phillip Danner, 49, and a 12-year-old boy are facing a charge of murder for Danner's death, and another 12-year-old is being charged with aiding and causing a murder.

Thursday, Kosciusko County Prosecutor Dan Hampton released the names of the three juveniles involved in the shooting death of Danner in his Kosciusko County home early Wednesday morning. Enchanted Hills is a subdivision located near Lake Wawasee, but is serviced by the Cromwell post office in Noble County.

The three detained juvenile suspects were brought into Kosciusko County Superior Court in Warsaw Thursday for a juvenile hearing.

Because of their age and the fact they are still be treated as juveniles in the case, this newspaper is not printing the names of the suspects.

A waiver hearing to determine if the juvenile jurisdiction should be transferred to adult court for the three suspects was set for 2 p.m. on April 29, according to Hampton.

If that jurisdiction is established, then the juveniles can be charged as adults pertaining to the respective crimes, Hampton said in a press release issued Thursday. Indiana law allows for juveniles from 10 years old and above to be waived as adults, for murder, if jurisdiction is established by a court.

Additional details of the murder are not being released at this time by the Kosciusko County Prosecutor's Office, as the investigation is still ongoing. Detectives have interviewed more individuals in connection to the murder, according to Kosciusko County Sheriff Rocky Goshert. There are more individuals that might be involved with the murder or have knowledge related to the incident, Goshert said.

The three suspects were picked up Wednesday in Peru, Ill., after officials there received a report of three young boys acting suspiciously at a local Walmart.

Jimmy Erdly

WOLF LAKE — A military honors ceremony will be conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday at Wolf Lake Cemetery for Jimmy L. Erdly, 60, of rural Ligonier who died Jan. 3, 2010.

He was the Veterans Service Officer for Noble County and retired major in the Indiana National Guard.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Paul Zollinger

FORT WAYNE — Paul L. Zollinger, 78, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mr. Zollinger was project foreman at Industrial Piping and Engineering for more than 30 years.

Mr. Zollinger

He was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel and Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 166.

He was born Nov. 22, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Lester and Gertrude (Volmerding) Zollinger. He married Nancy Schoppman and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Pam Zollinger of Fort Wayne; five sons, Mike and Tammy Zollinger, Rod and Rhonda Zollinger, Doug and Dawn Zollinger, Paul Jr. and Lori Zollinger and Mark Zollinger, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Krauter of New Haven; two brothers, Jerry and Nancy Zollinger and Richard and Terry Zollinger, all of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Committal services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Concordia Cemetery Gardens on Lake Avenue with Pastor Stan Temme officiating. Entombment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services Monday at the cemetery and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road.

Memorials are to Lake George Lutheran Chapel or Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

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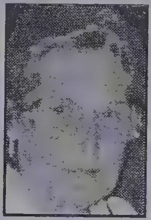
Nellie Sturdivant

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nellie Marie Sturdivant, 81, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at her home in Wolcottville with her family by her side.



Mrs. Sturdivant

She was a member of the New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

She was born in Salt Lick, Knott County, Ky., on July 15, 1928, to Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore.

Surviving are three sons, Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville, Rev. Wade and Deb Sturdivant of LaGrange and David Sturdivant of Wolcottville; two daughters, Jackie and Denny Thompson of Topeka and Pauline Ritter of Rome City; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucinda and Rev. Lee Combs of Wolcottville; a brother, Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City; two half sisters, Irene Helton of Winchester, Ky., and Yvonne Collins of Garrett, Ky.; one stepgranddaughter; one stepgrandson; two stepgreat-granddaughters; and one step-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; four sisters, Elsie Gibson, Violet Sturdivant, Lillie Itchner and Iolet Lovely; two brothers, Farris Moore and Chester Moore; and a half sister, Christene Moore.

Visitation was Thursday at the New Freedom Baptist Church, 300 N. Sycamore St., LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at the church with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville in in charge of arrangement.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Roland Raper

KENDALLVILLE — Roland John Raper, 70, of Kendallville and formerly of Wawaka died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Raper

Mr. Raper retired as a machinist from Hy-Matic Manufacturing in Kendallville.

He had served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of VFW Post 2749, the American Legion, and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Jan. 2, 1940, in Holyoke, Mass.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Ann Raper; a son, Danny Raper; a stepdaughter, Vicky Smith of Kendallville; four stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Raper, a son, Jeff Raper, and his brothers and sisters.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with military services provided by the VFW Post in Marion.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St.,

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Carolyn Baughman

HARLAN — Carolyn M. Baughman, 67, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville with Pastor Gary Gates officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Scipio United Brethren Church, 24990 Antwerp Road, Harlan, IN 46743 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Phillips Danner

CROMWELL — Phillip A. "Phil" Danner, 49, of Cromwell died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at his home.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition) at a later date.

Memorials are to the Eagles Scholarship Fund, P O Box 433, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Send online condolences to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

Claude Buss

CORUNNA — Claude A. Buss Sr., 80, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Corunna, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at an Indianapolis nursing home. No services are planned at this time.

Lawrence Ramer

LAGRANGE — Lawrence E. Ramer, 100, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Cosperville Cemetery in rural Wawaka with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Leitch

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph Carl Leitch, 78, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 23, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Church, with Father Jim Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State S., Kendallville where a prayer vigil will be held at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Park Department or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obit will appear in Saturday's paper.

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Police: Enchanted Hills murder suspect went to bed after shooting

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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WARSAW — More details surrounding the murder of Phillip Danner, 49, of Enchanted Hills have been released by Kosciusko County Sheriff Rocky Goshert. According to police, one of the suspects who allegedly shot Danner returned to his parents' home and apparently went to bed after the shooting.

According to Goshert, the murder of Danner, allegedly by his 15-year-old stepson and a 12-year-old friend of the stepson, took place around 6 p.m. Tuesday. The body was not discovered until the early morning hours of Wednesday, after Goshert's office was contacted by police in Illinois, who had apprehended the two suspects and a third suspect, also a 12-year-old boy.

According to police, the 15-year-old stepson and one of the 12-year-olds went to Danner's house between 5 and 6 p.m. According to Goshert, the three boys had allegedly been planning the murder for some time. Danner was allegedly shot by the two boys, each using a different gun, four times. Danner was hit in the eye, wrist and twice in the chest.

The third suspect allegedly stayed outside while the shooting took place but entered Danner's home soon after and saw him lying on the floor. According to Goshert, the two 12-year-olds went home to their families and presumably went to bed that evening. Later that evening they apparently snuck out of their homes, and the 15-year-old picked them up in Danner's Dodge Neon.

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MURDER: *2 suspects are 12-years-old, other is 15*

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Goshert stated that in his more that 30 years with the Indiana State Police and the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, "this was the most bizarre homicide that he had ever seen." Danner most likely had no idea what was being planned regarding his fate, Goshert noted. Kosciusko County detectives have found no signs of apparent abuse between Danner and his stepson.

One the 12-year-old suspects, the one who allegedly was not in the house at the time of the shooting, has been "very forthcoming" in talking to Kosciusko County detectives. He told investigators the three boys had agreed to leave Indiana after the murder and travel to Arizona to sell T-shirts.

The suspect also told deputies they had first planned to tie up Danner's wife, the mother of the 15-year-old suspect, cut the telephone lines and still kill Danner. But Danner's wife was in Florida on a previously planned vacation at the time of the murder.

The three boys, driving Danner's car, headed west on Interstate 80 after putting getting directions on how to get to Arizona on the GPS in the vehicle. None of the juveniles had a driver's license, Goshert said.

They stopped at a Walmart in Peru, Illinois, to exchange change into currency during the early morning hours of April 21. An employee of the store called local police, concerned with the age of the boys inside their store at that time. Local police responded and found the boys in the Neon. They viewed alcoholic beverages, marijuana and a .38 revolver in plain sight, and immediately arrested the trio.

At this point, according to Goshert, one of the 12-year-olds began to tell Illinois officers of the murder of Danner back in Indiana.

Illinois police contacted the Kosciusko County Sheriff's deputies and advised they should make a welfare check on the Danner residence on East Doswell Blvd., in Enchanted Hills. That area is near the border of Noble and Kosciusko counties. It is in the Wawasee School district, but serviced by the Cromwell branch of the post office, so residents have a Cromwell address but reside in Kosciusko County.

Three deputies went to the residence and found Danner's body.

The stepson and one of the other boys allegedly used Danner's own handguns to kill him in the kitchen of the residence. Illinois police had discovered one gun in plain view inside Danner's car. A second murder weapon, a .40-caliber Glock semiautomatic, was found in the car after it was returned to Indiana from Peru, Ill.

The 15-year-old and one of the 12-year-olds have been charged with murder in juvenile court. The other 12-year-old, who was outside of Danner's home at the time of the shooting, has been charged with aiding in a murder. A hearing will be held in Warsaw on April 29, to determine if the cases will stay in juvenile court or moved to a Warsaw County Superior Court where the suspects could be charged as adults.

Goshert stated that the investigation is still continuing with more interviews being conducted by his detective division at this time.

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Turkey Lake man dies in crash

BY MATT GETTS
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TURKEY LAKE — A 60-year-old Turkey Lake man was killed in a one vehicle crash Friday morning in rural LaGrange County.

John Edward Maillard was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash which occurred at approximately 3:13 a.m. on C.R. 275S, east of C.R. 1150E.

According to a press release from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, Maillard was driving his pickup westbound on C.R. 275S when it left the roadway in a curve and struck a tree head-on. Maillard suffered head and internal injuries.

The press release said officers were unsure why Maillard's pickup left the roadway.

Assisting the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department at the scene were the LaGrange County Coroner's Office, the Stroh Fire Department and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

Derrick Reick

KENDALLVILLE — Derrick J. Reick, 39, of Kendallville died Friday, April 23, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Joseph Leitch

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph Carl Leitch, 78, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Leitch

Mr. Leitch was a 1951 graduate of Kendallville High School.

He proudly served his country during the Korean War.

He later graduated from the G.E. Apprentice School for Tool & Die.

He was retired from Eaton Industries.

Mr. Leitch served as Democrat precinct chairman for many years.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne G.E. Alumni Apprentice Association, Immaculate Conception Church in Kendallville, American Legion Post 86, and Moose Lodge 1301.

He was an avid reader, appreciated nature, enjoyed camping, art, woodworking, gunmaking, and fishing at his Golden Lake cottage. He traveled extensively throughout the U.S., especially liking Alaska, and also Europe, Australia, Mexico, and Canada.

He supported and enjoyed his children and grandchildren in all of their activities.

He was born July 22, 1931, in Kendallville to Carl M. and Hilda I. (Herendeen) Leitch. On February 11, 1955, in Helmer he married Beverly Hoyer.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Beverly Leitch of Kendallville; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Bradley Leitch, Brenden Leitch, Kyle Leitch, Curtis and Susan Leitch, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jenifer and Kevin Sabroskyof Kendallville and Celeste and Mark Gates of Virginia; 13 grandchildren, Christopher Leitch, Brooke Leitch, Jessica Leitch, Andrew and Beth (Dinehart) Desmonds, Aaron Desmonds, Megan Desmonds, Amber (Sabrosky) and Eric Bradley, Brittney (Leitch) and Troy Harmeyer, Chelsea Leitch, Alexander Leitch, Nathan Gates, Jacob Gates and Jordan Gates; a sister, Sandra (Leitch) Walsh of Texas; an aunt, Neva (Herendeen) Musselman of Kendallville; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Norma (Leitch) Musselman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, with Father Jim Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Peter Bottomley, Craig Munk, Chuck Frain Sr., Lauren Osbun, Robert Easterday, Jim Walters, Dick Zerkle and Joe Ross. Active casketbearers will be his grandsons.

Calling is Monday, April 26, 2010, from 3 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, where a prayer vigil will be held at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Kendallville Park Department or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Raymond German

ANGOLA — Raymond E. "Tom" German, 70, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. German

Tom worked for MSD of Steuben County for 42 years retiring in 2001. He was co-owner with Rod Wells of Homesite Carpet for over 20 years, and a part time deputy for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

Tom enjoyed collecting cars, fishing, animals, spending time with the grandchildren, NASCAR, and cheering for Notre Dame.

He was a member of the Nightcrawlers Association and served on the Steuben County Crimestoppers.

Mr. German was born August 8, 1939, in Angola to Raymond W. "Shorty" and Geneva M. (Martin) German. On February 27, 1960, he married Jana M. Newcomb at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola.

Surviving Tom is his wife, Jana; a son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Deb German of Plymouth; a daughter, Chelle German-Harter of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Penny and John Bower of Angola, his grandchildren, Marissa, Mikayla and Miranda German of Plymouth and Branden Harter of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Shawn Marie; and a sister, Nancy Klink.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West St., Angola, from 4-7 p.m.

Services will be Monday, April 26, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Alan LaRue officiating. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

Friends may leave condolences and sigh the guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Grace Hull

STURGIS, Mich. — Grace L. Hull, 86, of Sturgis died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Revs. Sandra Hutchens and Thomas McShannock officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Donaldson, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Rene Glenn

BUTLER — Rene Glenn, 77, of Butler died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Franklin, Ohio, on Nov. 18, 1932, to Frank and Carrie (Allen) Sexton.

Mrs. Glenn

She worked at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 13 years before retiring.

Rene married Jesse K. Glenn on April 9, 1950, in Richmond, Ind., and he died Feb. 10, 2005.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, William L. and Kathy Glenn of Butler and Jesse and Tammy Glenn of Hamilton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianne and Dennis Ellert of Waterloo, Kathy and Mike Crowl of Waterloo and Robin Glenn of Grabill; three sisters, Beulah Glenn of Seaman, Ohio, Carrie Goings of Reedsville, N.C., and Beatrice Trent of Dayton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren ;and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael Anthony Glenn; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Don Harris officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

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Eileen Reinking

DECATUR — Eileen E. Reinking, 86, of Decatur died at 10 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Woodcrest Nursing Center.

Mrs. Reinking had been a hostess at the Galley and the Back 40 (Fairway), a Welcome Wagon hostess and a Stanley Home Products dealer.

Mrs. Reinking

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur where she and her late husband, Karl, were primarily involved in the church choir. She also served as a Sunday school teacher for 20 years and active in the Emmaus Guild.

Mrs. Reinking was also active in the Lutheran Chorale and a ladies bowling league in Decatur.

She was born October 1, 1923, in Adams County to Richard F. and Lydia C. (Krueckeberg) Bleeke. She married Karl W. Reinking on December 5, 1943, in Immanuel Lutheran Church. He passed away on October 29, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and David Heimann of Decatur and Kathy and Craig Smith of Waterloo; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Caroline Reinking of Decatur and William Reinking of Bronxville, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Laurie Tetzloff, Suzanne Buchs, Jeff Reinking, Jennifer Reese and Betsy Braun; two stepgrandchildren, Walter Smith and Mary Vazquez; five great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Arnold Bleek; a sister, Flora Neuenschwander; and a son-in-law, Dave "Nellie" Clark.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur with Pastor Phil Phifer officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur.

Condolences may be sent online and a guestbook signed at www.zwickjahn.com

James Howard

KENDALLVILLE — James Henry Howard, 55, died in Liberty, Ky., on Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Charles Herron

AVILLA — Charles Franklin "Charlie" Herron, 74, of Avilla died Friday, April 23, 2010, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Herron was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked for 25 years at Newnam Foundry and Lane Foundry, and retired as custodian at the LaOtto Elementary School.

Mr. Herron

He was born June 28, 1935, in LaOtto to Esta and Beatrice (Reinoehl) Herron. On April 19, 1963, in Fort Wayne he married Margaret A. Ditton.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret A. Herron of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth L. and Connie Herron of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Steve Perkins of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gerald and BeulahHerron of Kendallville and Jim Herron of Kendallville; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Agnes Mead of Kendallville, Dora Shepherd of Kendallville, Shirley and Oscar Monroe of South Milford and Sandra and SamWeimer of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Lee Herron in 1971.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be inFairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Kendallville, IN
April 25, 2010, Sunday

DeKalb jail inmate found dead

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AUBURN — An inmate apparently committed suicide early Saturday morning in the DeKalb County Jail, according to a news release from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Jailers found Robert Warstler, 30, of Auburn dead in his cell at 1:55 a.m. while they were conducting hourly inspections, the news release said. An initial investigation found no foul play, and suicide is the probable cause of death, pending results of an autopsy, the release added.

When jail officers discovered that Warstler was unresponsive and not breathing, they began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the release said. DeKalb EMS medics arrived shortly afterward and could not revive Warstler.

A sheriff's department official said Warstler apparently took a plastic trash bag from the bottom of a trash container and placed it over his head to cause his own death.

Warstler

Inmates later told officers they had watched a movie on television in the cell block Friday night that depicted using a plastic bag as a way of committing suicide.

Inmates also told officials that Warstler had given no indication that he was depressed or intended to kill himself. They said he had been playing cards Friday night, and that his death came as a surprise to them. The death is being investigated by the DeKalb County Coroner's Office, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police.

The news release said Warstler was being held at the jail on charges of dealing in methamphetamine, possession of precursors for methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, domestic battery with a child present, domestic battery and invasion of privacy.

Court records show that Warstler was arrested on all of those charges in September 2009 and was awaiting trials scheduled for Aug. 24 on the drug charges and Sept. 1 on the other charges. Court records also said Warstler was approximately 6-foot-4 and 260 pounds and showed that he previously lived in Angola.

A sheriff's department official said another inmate attempted suicide approximately 11 years ago and died six months later as a result of the attempt. A woman died at the jail from medical causes about two years ago. The jail was holding 97 inmates Saturday, above its rated capacity of 89 prisoners.

Robert Warstler

AUBURN — Robert D. Warstler, 30, died Saturday, April 24, 2010, in Auburn.

Mr. Warstler

He was born Oct. 29, 1979, in Auburn. His mother and stepfather, Joyce (Crager) and Bob Crawford, survive in Angola. His father, David Warstler survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son, Shelby Warstler of Tennessee and Logan and Lilly Moore, both of Butler; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jennifer and Brian Munger of Waterloo and Rebecca and Kenny Yoder of Spencerville; and his grandfather, Lester Warstler of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Scott Miner officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a trust fund for Shelby, Logan and Lilly, in care of Wells Fargo Bank.

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Kendallville, IN
April 25, 2010, Sunday

A friendly face around Angola

BY JIM SHILANDER
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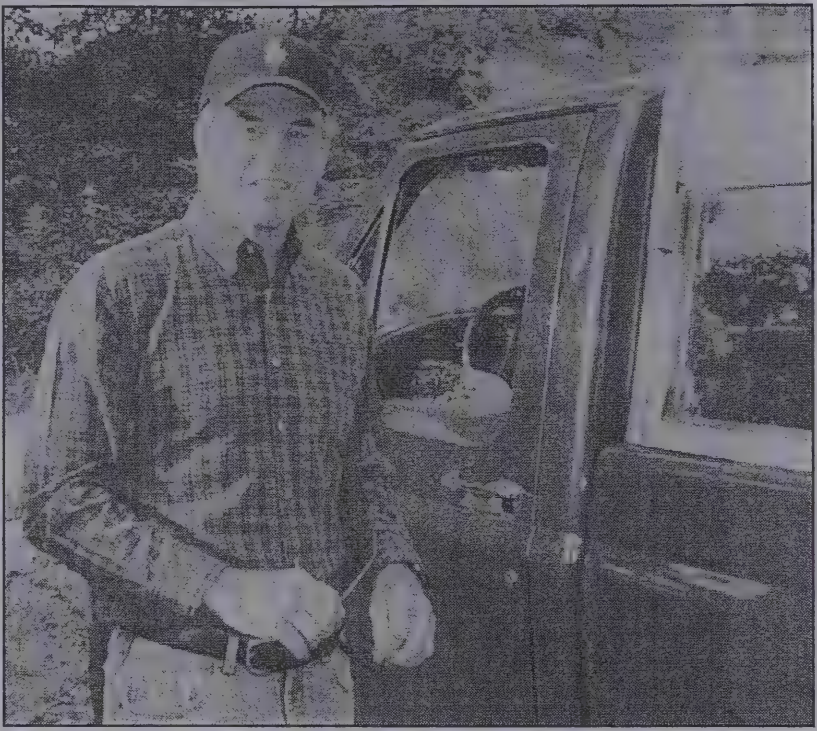

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

David Roger Baker was a friendly face around Angola for decades, cleaning windows and lending a friendly ear to people downtown and across the city.

ANGOLA — Difficult times, like losing a job, can get some people down. But some use those difficult times to pick themselves up and start fresh. David Roger Baker was one such man.

Baker, who ran Baker's Window and Cleaning Service in Angola along with his wife, Janice, died March 31, at his home in Pleasant Lake. He was 67.

After the Kroger store left Angola in 1973, Janice said her husband, who'd been employed there, began doing odd jobs. Many of those jobs were around Steuben County's lakes, and included putting in people's docks.

"Whatever would pay the bills," Janice said. "I remember one time he came out of the water, and he was so cold, we just had to throw blankets and blankets on him."

Daughter Lisa Pardue said the business was just her father's best way to a job.

"The economy was bad, he was on unemployment and he couldn't find a job," Pardue said.

Eventually, Baker's business grew, and became more focused on window washing. At one time, Baker was responsible for cleaning nearly all the windows around Angola's Public Square, as well as homes around the lakes. He also cleaned windows in Fort Wayne for many of the cottage owners whose houses he cleaned around the lakes, as well as industrial sites like Tyden-Brammall.

Being able to work outside and communicate with others definitely suited Baker, Pardue said.

"Dad liked to talk. Everybody, pretty much, knew him," She said. "He was very good with people. He liked being his own boss."

Janice said her husband loved that his business afforded him the opportunity to meet people, as well as having the ability to see each other.

"He loved having people talk to him," Janice said. "At one time he cleaned almost the whole town, out to the Scott's store. I just did the ones I could handle. But we did it as a team." She noted that he'd done his best to teach her more about the business side before he died. "He schooled me in what to do with the business. He just took me through everything."

Son Brian Baker said his father was a great athlete and basketball fan.

"He always pushed himself, up until his body started to fail him," he said. In addition to basketball, Baker was also an avid tennis player and golfer. During his later years, Janice said, he also got heavily into fishing.

"He liked to swim, too," she noted. "And he taught many of the children around our lake to swim. He would have made an excellent teacher."

Pardue said that was just something her dad loved to do.

"He would pitch to us, go swimming with us," she said. "He always put the family first. Anytime he could help anyone, he would. He just was always trying to be a good person and a good citizen."

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Derrick Reick

KENDALLVILLE — Derrick J. Reick, 39, of Kendallville died Friday, April 23, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Derrick graduated from East Noble High School in 1988. He worked at Reliable Tool, the Budd Company, and for 13 years at Citation in Albion as a machine operator.

Mr. Reick

Derrick attended the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, and in his youth was an altar boy. He belonged to the S.A.L. at American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Derrick had many hobbies, including deer hunting, fishing, rock concerts, NASCAR, and all sports. He was a loyal and sincere fan of the Denver Broncos. He enjoyed television, music, reading, and movies.

Derrick will be remembered for his kind heart, crazy sense of humor, and love and loyalty to friends and family.

Derrick James Reick was born in Kendallville on June 13, 1970, to James H. and Marianna (Nartker) Reick.

Besides his parents who reside on Sylvan Lake, Derrick is survived by his loyal Shih Tzu, "Seven" (named after Bronco quarterback, John Elway); a sister and brother-in-law, Natalie and Mike Axel of Kendallville; three nephews, Drew Sparkman, Trevor Sparkman, and Benjamin Axel; a niece, Jordan Axel; his aunts and uncles, Richard and Gail Nartker of Fort Wayne, Dennis Nartker of Kendallville, and Nancy Reick of Greeley, Colo.; cousins, Beth and Dean Hoffman of Scottsdale, Ariz., Babette and Rick Husted of Fort Wayne, Brett Nartker of Fort Wayne, Jennifer Long of Atlanta, Ga., and Kristen and Steve Johnson of Kendallville.

Derrick is also survived by many close friends who shared Derrick's love and zest for life.

He was preceded in death by his loving grandparents, Howard and Helen Reick and Clarence and Edythe Nartker; and a caring aunt, Judy Reick Long.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father Jim Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Drew Sparkman, Trevor Sparkman, Jordan Axel, Benjamin Axel, and "Seven."

Active casketbearers will be Billy Nartker, Jason Maxon, Shawn Hageman, Matt Moore, Steve Widmer, Brian Buckles, Ronnie Payne, and Toby Rice.

Calling will be Tuesday, April 27, 2010, from 2 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society in honor of Derrick's dog, "Seven," the Axel family's dog, "Daisy," and Jim and Marianna's dog and former shelter resident, "J.J."

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Cheryl Dixon

FORT WAYNE — Cheryl Ann Dixon, 44, formerly of Angola, died Thursday, April 23, 2010, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Miss Dixon

Cheryl was born in Angola on Nov. 19, 1965, to Kenneth M. and Patsy Lee (White) Dixon.

Cheryl enjoyed playing the violin and being on her computer.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, David of Angola; two sisters, Shelly Dixon-House and Cary Dixon, both of Fort Wayne; and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Memorial services will be Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

To leave condolences and sign the guest book for Cheryl go to hejohnsonfh.com

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John Maillard

HUDSON — John E. Maillard, 61, died Thursday, April 23, 2010, in LaGrange County.

Mr. Maillard was born in Newark, N.J., on Dec. 2, 1949, to Edward E. and Corinne Marie (Beaucage) Maillard.

Mr. Maillard

He married Jill D. Vickers on Sept. 12, 1970. in Colorado, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 1996.

John was a truck driver for Starcraft of Topeka and owned the PaPa Ducks Convenience Store at the corner of U.S. 20 and S.R. 327. He was an Army veteran and enjoyed scuba diving, boating, gardening, traveling and spending time with the grandkids.

Surviving John are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Shelia Maillard of Stroh; two daughters and a son-in-law, Claudia Lewis of Powell, Tenn., and Heather and Michael Voitcu of Frankford, N.J.; 5 grandchildren, Jackie, Savannah, Zachary, Dakota, and Tristan. Also surviving John is his mother-in-law, Ellen Vickers of Lamar Mo.; in-laws, Nancy and Bruce Boxum of Gatlinburg, Tenn., Virginia and Art Jones of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Martin Vickers of Topeka, Kan.

Visitation for Mr. Maillard will be Monday April 26, 2010, at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West Street Angola, from 3 to 8 p.m. Services will be Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to the Neodesha High School Kansas Scholarship Fund in honor of Jill D. (Vickers) Maillard or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Knoxville, Tenn.

To sign the guestbook or to leave a condolence go to hejohnsonfh.com

Allen Whiteman

ROME CITY — Allen D. Whiteman, 56, of Rome City, died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Michael Lemp

ORLAND — Michael J. Lemp, 63, of Orland, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at his residence.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Shelter.

Arrangements are by the Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Condolences may sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net

THE NEWS SUN
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April 26, 2010, Monday

Vera Smith

HAMILTON — Vera M. Smith, 88, formerly of Hamilton, died Saturday April 24, 2010 at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Vera was born June 20, 1921, in DeKalb County to Floyd and Lora (Kaufman) Musser.

She worked for 15 years at Dekko in Hamilton, then for 10 years in the area, cleaning homes.

She married Lester O. Smith on October 1, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio, and he passed away February 11, 2005.

She is survived by a son, Leroy Smith of Hamilton; a granddaughter, Kimberly Quidort; four great-grandchildren, Christopher Quidort, William Quidort, Jack Leech and Jordan Leech; and three sisters, Alta Gettys of Waterloo, Wava Missler of Bryan, Ohio, and Velma Ellert of Ashley.

Her parents, her husband, her brother, Arnold Musser, and six sisters, Nina Canfield, Reba Lucas, Opal Stoy, Georgia Hartman, Ruth Hire and Janice DeYoung, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind., with Jeff Alexander officiating.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Cameron Hospice.

Ella Mullet

LAGRANGE — Ella Mullet, 84, of LaGrange died Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the home of her daughter, Elsie (Delbert) Schrock, in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Townline Mennonite Church, 2165 S. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Edward Dudley Jr.

ASHLEY — Edward F. Dudley Jr., 95, died Sunday, April 25, 2010.

Memorial services will be at a later date at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 27, 2010, Tuesday

Crash kills Rome City man

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROME CITY — A two-vehicle crash claimed the life of a Rome City man late Sunday, according to a press release from the Indiana State Police.

About 10:45 p.m., a 1997 Dodge driven by Terry L. Rebman, 55, of Rome City, went left of the center line while traveling southbound on S.R. 9 in the area of Northport Road, state police said. After colliding with the guard rail on the northbound side, Rebman's van then traveled back into the northbound lane where it was struck head-on by a northbound Freightliner semi driven by Jerry W. Brickey, 54, of Syracuse.

Rebman was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office; Brickey was not injured.

Trooper Mike Carroll was assisted at the scene by the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, the Noble County Sheriff's Department, the Orange Township Fire Department and the Noble County Coroner's Office.

Rebman was born in Kendallville on June 17, 1954 to Sam and Kay (Frech) Treesh. He had worked as a truck driver and mechanic.

A full obituary for Rebman can be found on Page A4.

Rebman

Terry Rebman

ROME CITY — Terry Lynn Rebman, 55, of Rome City died Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 10:45 p.m. as the result of a traffic accident on State Road 9 north of Rome City.

Terry graduated from Snider High School in Fort Wayne, and from Lincoln Technical Institute where he earned a degree as an automotive mechanic.

Mr. Rebman

He had worked as a truck driver and mechanic.

He enjoyed gardening, boating, and auto racing.

He was born on June 17, 1954, in Kendallville to Sam and Kay (Frech) Treesh.

Surviving are his mother, Kay Wheatley of Rome City; his biological father, Sam Treesh of Kendallville; a sister, Sherry Schroeder and her friend Jay Gleason of Toledo, Ohio; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jaye Rebman and his friend Wendy Wood of Wolcottville, and Michael and Kristy Rebman of Nashville, Indiana; a half sister, Leesa Sturgis of Rome City; four nieces; one nephew; two great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive father, Dan Rebman; his grandparents, Alice and Kendall Frech and Michael and Mary Rebman; and a half sister, Michelle Treesh.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Wolcottville Fire Department, County Line Road, Wolcottville.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, Indiana, 46755.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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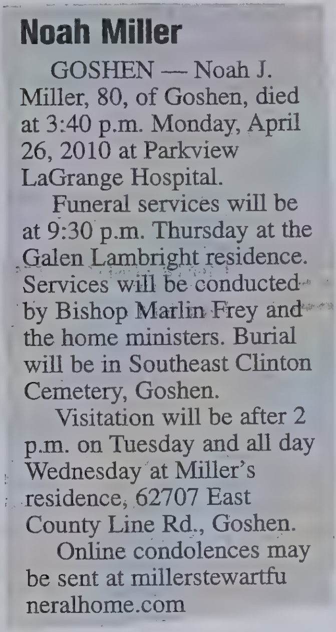


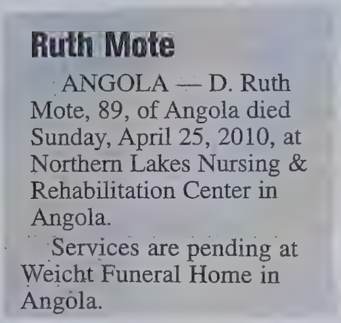
Noah Miller

GOSHEN — Noah J. Miller, 80, of Goshen, died at 3:40 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Galen Lambright residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Marlin Frey and the home ministers. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery, Goshen.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. on Tuesday and all day Wednesday at Miller's residence, 62707 East County Line Rd., Goshen.

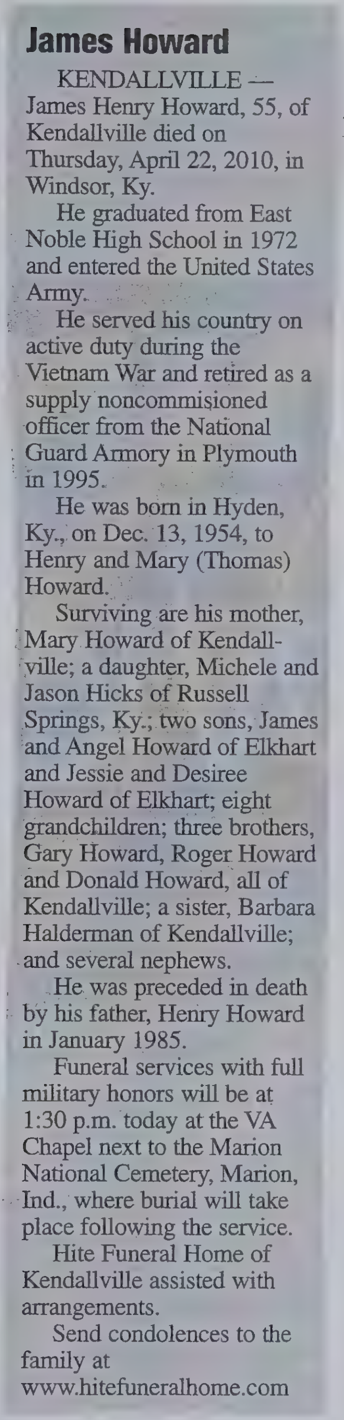
Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com



Ruth Mote

ANGOLA — D. Ruth Mote, 89, of Angola died Sunday, April 25, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.



James Howard

KENDALLVILLE — James Henry Howard, 55, of Kendallville died on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Windsor, Ky.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1972 and entered the United States Army.

He served his country on active duty during the Vietnam War and retired as a supply noncommisioned officer from the National Guard Armory in Plymouth in 1995.

He was born in Hyden, Ky., on Dec. 13, 1954, to Henry and Mary (Thomas) Howard.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Howard of Kendallville; a daughter, Michele and Jason Hicks of Russell Springs, Ky.; two sons, James and Angel Howard of Elkhart and Jessie and Desiree Howard of Elkhart; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Gary Howard, Roger Howard and Donald Howard, all of Kendallville; a sister, Barbara Halderman of Kendallville; and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Howard in January 1985.

Funeral services with full military honors will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the VA Chapel next to the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind., where burial will take place following the service.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville assisted with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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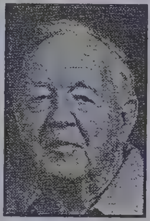
Edward Dudley Jr.

ANGOLA — Edward Frank Dudley Jr., 95, died Sunday, April 25, 2010, at his home in Angola.


Mr. Dudley

He was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on June 28, 1914, to the late Edward Frank Sr. and Edith (Metcalf) Dudley.

Ed was a graduate of Oak Park-River Forest High School, Oak Park, Ill., and a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbanna-Champaign.

Ed retired from United States Steel in 1969 where he worked as an engineer for 31 years.

Ed enjoyed collecting stamps and coins. He and his wife, Helen, were avid travelers — traveling to Israel, Russia, Australia, Great Britain, Alaska, South America, as well as the United States, coast to coast.

Ed and Helen enjoyed vacationing at Storey Lake in 1957 and retired there full time in 1971, spending winters in Arizona and Florida. During this time they attended and then became members of Salem Center Presbyterian Church. They were founding members of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, (1974) a mission outreach deeply dear to their hearts.

Helen Elizabeth (Wikoff) Dudley died March 25, 1997.

Survivors are two sons, Edward F. III (Lucy) Dudley of Ashley and Dr. James R. (Joanna) Dudley of Harrisburg, N.C.; a daughter, Deborah A. (Larry) Davis of Angola; six grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial service gathering will be at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Old School House, meal following.

Memorials to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 W. Orland Road, Angola.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Polly Griffith

GOSHEN — Polly Griffith, 94, of Goshen and formerly of Marshall, Mich., died Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 3:30 a.m. in Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Kendallville, with Elder Russell Hicks officiating. Burial will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the West Eckford Cemetery in Marshall, Mich.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Thursday at the church, where there will be a service at 6 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Harold Stogsdill

BRINNON, Wash. — Harold L. Stogsdill, 74, of Brinnon, Wash., died Friday, April 23, 2010, in Auburn, Ind. He was in Auburn visiting his granddaughter, Michelle Kooistra, and her family.

Harold was born July 12, 1935, in Raymond, Ill., to Blufford and Myrtle (Gurley) Stogsdill. They have both passed away.

He was a graduate of Divernon High School in Illinois and International Technical Institute in Baton Rouge, La.

He was a union pipefitter for 44 years. He was a member of Pipefitters Local Union No. 145, Grand Junction, Colo.

His wife, Janet D. (Roberts) Stogsdill, survives in Brinnon, Wash.

Also surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Randy K. and Debra Stogsdill of Greeley, Colo.; two daughters, Mitzi R. Stogsdill of Bolton Landing, N.Y., and Jodi L. Maurer of Grand Lake, Colo.; a brother, David P. Stogsdill of Greeley, Colo.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

There are no services.

Cremation has taken place and his remains will be returned to the mountains of Colorado that he loved.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Frisby

FORT WAYNE — Richard W. Frisby, 61, died Friday, April 23, 2010, at his home in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 28 2010, Wednesday

James H. Howard, 55

James Henry Howard, age 55, of Kendallville died on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Windsor, Kentucky.

He was born in Hyden, Kentucky on December 13, 1954 to Henry and Mary (Thomas) Howard.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1972 and entered the United States Army. He served his country on active duty during the Vietnam War and retired as a Supply NCO from the National Guard Armory in Plymouth in 1995.

Survivors include: Mother, Mary Howard of Kendallville. Daughter, Michele and Jason Hicks of Russell Springs, Kentucky.

Son, James and Angel Howard of Elkhart.

Son, Jessie and Desiree Howard of Elkhart.

Eight grandchildren: Jeremiah, Jacob, and Sarah Hicks; Matthew, Caleb, and Madison Howard; and Megan and Xavier Howard.

Brother, Gary Howard of Kendallville.

Sister, Barbara Halderman of Kendallville.

Brother, Roger Howard of Kendallville.

Brother, Donald Howard of Kendallville.

Nephews, Josh Halderman of Kendallville, Eric Halderman of Kendallville, John Halderman of Wawaka and Samuel Howard of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by Henry Howard in January 1985.

Funeral services with full military honors were Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at the V.A. Chapel next to the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville, Honored Veterans Care Provider, assisted with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Van driver dies in collision with semi

A Rome City man died when the van he was driving ran head on into a semi near that town Sunday night, according to the Indiana State Police.

Terry Rebman, 55, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which happened at about 10:45 p.m. on SR 9, near Northport Road. Rebman was driving south on SR 9 when his 1997 Dodge van veered off the roadway and into a guardrail, then came back onto the pavement and into the path of a northbound semi driven by 54 year old Jerry W. Brickey of Syracuse.

The impact pinned Rebman in the wreckage, and he had to be freed by Orange Township firefighters using extrication tools. Both men were wearing safety belts at the time of the collision; Brickey was not injured, although the 2005 Freightliner was damaged. Rebman's van was totaled, and a utility pole was shattered in the crash.

The impact broke open a fuel tank on the semi, spilling diesel fuel on the highway that firefighters helped clean up.

Police aren't certain what caused Rebman's van to go out of control, and are still investigating the crash. In addition to the Indiana State Police and Orange Township firefighters, units assisted at the scene from the Noble County Sheriff's Department and Noble County EMS.

Traffic on SR 9 was delayed or stopped for most of the night, until the wreckage was removed.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 28 2010, Wednesday

Evelyn Young, 92

Evelyn Young, 92, a former resident of Albion and more recently a resident of Crawfordsville, passed away at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010, at the St. Clare Medical Center in Crawfordsville following an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Young was born in Albion on February 21, 1918, a daughter of Rollin and Orpha (Lindsey) McGuire. She spent her formative years in that community and graduated from Albion High School in 1938.

On June 30, 1943 she was married in Wolf Lake to H. James Young. Together, the couple owned and operated Jim's Hardware in Albion for 25 years, retiring in 1986.

The couple lived all of their married lives in Albion until moving to Crawfordsville six years ago to be near their daughter.

Mr. Young preceded her in death on January 3, 2004.

She was a member of the Berean Baptist Church in Albion. In addition to her love for her family, she enjoyed baking, crocheting, and knitting for other people.

The surviving relatives include her daughters Charlotte Boyd of Brandon, Miss., Louise (Jerry) Davis of Frankfort, and Karen (Stephen) Selby of New Market; a brother Carl (Pauline) McGuire of Churubusco, and a sister Marcelle (Lee) Mahnesmith of Terre Haute; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers Carlos McGuire, Wroth McGuire, and Max McGuire.

Private family services were held at the Berean Baptist Church in Albion with Pastor Doug Keenan, officiating.

At the request of the family, calling hours were private.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Berean Baptist Church, 110 Highland

Park Drive, Albion, IN 46701.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Young's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Nellie Marie Sturdivant, 81

Nellie Marie Sturdivant, age 81, of Wolcottville, died on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at her home in Wolcottville with her family by her side.

She was born in Salt Lick, Knott County, Kentucky on July 15, 1928 to the late Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore.

She was a faithful and dedicated member of the New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

Survivors include:

Son, Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville.

Son, Rev. Wade and Deb Sturdivant of LaGrange.

Son, David Sturdivant of Wolcottville.

Daughter, Jackie and Denny Thompson of Topeka.

Daughter, Pauline Ritter of Rome City.

14 grandchildren, 34 great- grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Sister, Lucinda and Rev. Lee Combs of Wolcottville.

Brother, Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City.

Half-sister, Irene Helton of Winchester, Kentucky.

Half sister, Yvonne Collins of Garrett, Kentucky.

She was also preceded in death by four grandchildren, one great-grandson, sisters; Elsie Gibson, Violet Sturdivant and Lillie Itchner, brothers; Farris Moore and Chester Moore, and half sister; Christene Moore.

Visitation was Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the New Freedom Baptist Church, 300 North Sycamore Street in LaGrange.

Funeral Services were Friday, April 23, 2010 at New Freedom Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Wade Sturdivant.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were by: Hite Funeral Home – 403 South Main Street - Kendallville, Indiana 46755, Brian DeCamp: 343-8177, Andy David: 318-2712, Office phone: 347-1653.

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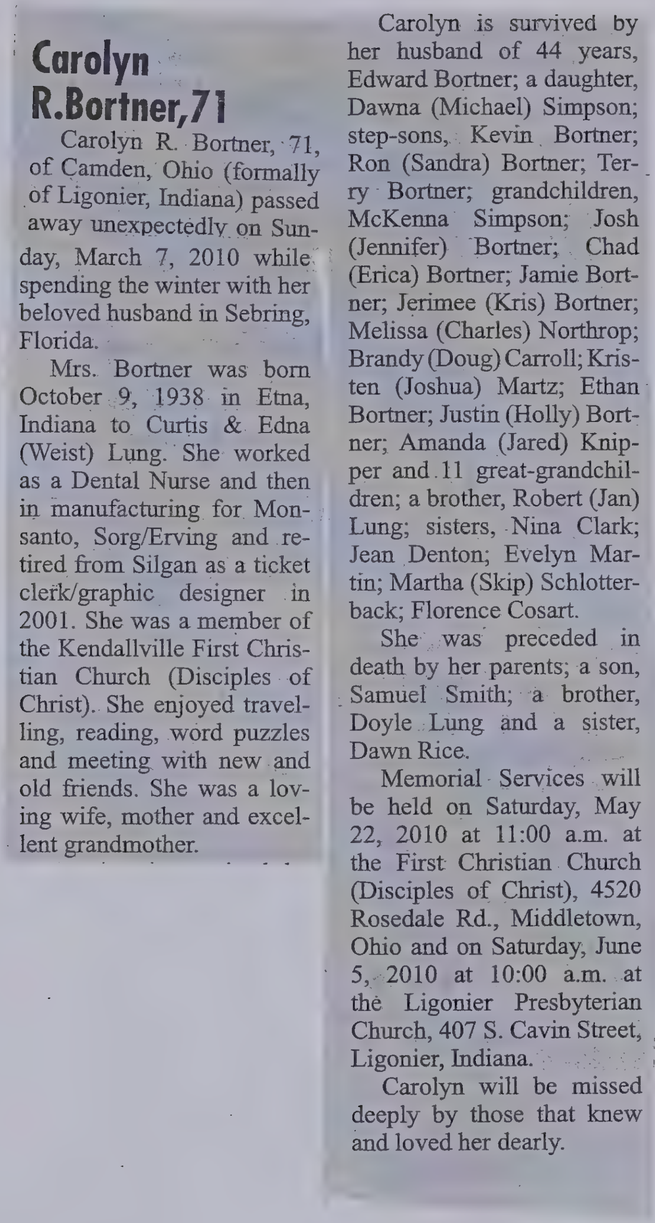

Carolyn R.Bortner,71

Carolyn R. Bortner, 71, of Camden, Ohio (formally of Ligonier, Indiana) passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 7, 2010 while spending the winter with her beloved husband in Sebring, Florida.

Mrs. Bortner was born October 9, 1938 in Etna, Indiana to Curtis & Edna (Weist) Lung. She worked as a Dental Nurse and then in manufacturing for Monsanto, Sorg/Erving and retired from Silgan as a ticket clerk/graphic designer in 2001. She was a member of the Kendallville First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She enjoyed travelling, reading, word puzzles and meeting with new and old friends. She was a loving wife, mother and excellent grandmother.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 44 years, Edward Bortner; a daughter, Dawna (Michael) Simpson; step-sons, Kevin Bortner; Ron (Sandra) Bortner; Terry Bortner; grandchildren, McKenna Simpson; Josh (Jennifer) Bortner; Chad (Erica) Bortner; Jamie Bortner; Jerimee (Kris) Bortner; Melissa (Charles) Northrop; Brandy (Doug) Carroll; Kristen (Joshua) Martz; Ethan Bortner; Justin (Holly) Bortner; Amanda (Jared) Knipper and 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Jan) Lung; sisters, Nina Clark; Jean Denton; Evelyn Martin; Martha (Skip) Schlotterback; Florence Cosart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Samuel Smith; a brother, Doyle Lung and a sister, Dawn Rice.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 4520 Rosedale Rd., Middletown, Ohio and on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin Street, Ligonier, Indiana.

Carolyn will be missed deeply by those that knew and loved her dearly.

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Buggy crash kills one

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LAGRANGE — An Amish woman was killed Tuesday when a car hit the buggy she was driving, according to a LaGrange County Sheriff's Department report.

Mary Schrock, 66, of LaGrange was southbound on S.R. 9 about 4 p.m. south of C.R. 150S when she was struck from behind by a Lincoln driven by Gregory Killian of rural LaGrange, according to police. The impact ejected Schrock from the buggy.

Schrock was transported to Parkview LaGrange Hospital and airlifted from there to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she died.

Killian told police he had fallen asleep when he hit the buggy.

He faces preliminary charges of driving with a suspended license and driving without proof of insurance. LaGrange County Prosecutor Jeff Wible said Wednesday afternoon his office will be inquiring as to why Killian's license is suspended before determining what additional charges — if any — are appropriate.

Schrock was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. Survivors include her husband, Eli S. Schrock, two children and 12 grandchildren.

A complete obituary for Schrock appears on page A4.

LaGrange EMS and firefighters assisted at the scene.

Mahlon Wingard

SHIPSHEWANA — Mahlon J. Wingard, 62, of Shipshewana died Wednesday at his residence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence, 1320 N. C.R. 720W, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Phil Miller residence, 6685 W. C.R. 100N, Shipshewana. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Shipshewana is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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The Family of Terry Getts

would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone who has helped us through this difficult time. We appreciate all the love and support we have received. A special thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, memorials and food. Our appreciation also goes to Hite Funeral Home. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.

- Lloyd & Mary Getts & Family,
Sara & Kenneth Hutton,
Army Pfc. Clinton David,
Tina Getts, Litony Getts &
Caleb Getts, Dianna Bolhme,
Don & Brenda Fike,
Cristy Anthony & Grandchildren
& Companion Cindy Getts

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Mary Schrock

LAGRANGE — Mary E. Schrock, 66, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of injuries she sustained in a buggy and car accident.

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and a homemaker.

She was also a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1944 in LaGrange to Ervin A. and Anna J. (Miller) Miller. They survive in LaGrange. She married Eli S. Schrock on Sept. 15, 1966. in LaGrange. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Perry and Marlene Schrock of LaGrange and Eli Ray and Martha Schrock of Middlebury; 12 grandchildren; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Lydia Mae and Alva Petersheim of Topeka, Fannie and Dannie Miller of Pardeeville, Wis., Leanna Miller of LaGrange, Katie and Floyd Miller of LaGrange and Erma and Freeman Miller of Pardeeville, Wis.; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Anna Marie Miller of LaGrange, Orva and Sheila Miller of Avoca, N.Y., Perry and Wilma Miller of LaGrange and LeRoy and Ada Mae Miller of Dalton, Wis.

She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Edwin Miller.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Felty Troyer residence, 2170 S. C.R. 400E, LaGrange, with the Bishop Alva Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be held after 6 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Perry Schrock residence, 2105 S. C.R. 400E, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Polly Griffith

GOSHEN — Polly Griffith, 94, of Goshen and formerly of Marshall, Mich., died Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 3:30 a.m. in Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen. Mrs. Griffith had lived in Goshen since January 2008.

Mrs. Griffith

In 1946, she moved to Albion, Mich., from Kentucky.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was born Sept. 7, 1915, in Salyersville, Ky, to Lacie and Gracie (Allen) Allen. She married Henry Poe on Aug. 13, 1936, in Kentucky. He preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1981. She then married Richard Griffith on May 27, 1989, in Marshall, Mich. He preceded her in death on June 8, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Darel Caudill of Middlebury; 12 grandchildren; one stepgrandson; 24 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-granddaughter; one great-great-grandchild; five sisters, Ruby Fletcher of Salyersville, Ky., Loretta Wright of Belleville, Mich., Donna Baker of Litchfield, Mich., Hannah Roe of Battle Creek, Mich., and Henrietta Music of Marshall, Mich.; and a brother, Cisco Allen of Quincy, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Ruth Poe and Mary Halcomb; and a son, James Poe; two sisters, Princie Allen and Lena Farmer; two brothers, Haden Allen and Woodrow Allen; a son-in-law, Dennis Halcomb; a daughter-in-law, Susan Poe; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Kendallville, with Elder Russell Hicks officiating. Burial will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the West Eckford Cemetery, Marshall, Mich.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today at the church, where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Allen Whiteman

ROME CITY — Allen D. Whiteman, 56, died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Allen was born on January 10, 1954, in Kendallville to Douglas and Reva (Hobgood) Whiteman.

Mr. Whiteman

Allen was a 1973 graduate of East Noble High School.

He worked for 30 years at the Dalton Foundry in Kendallville.

Allen enjoyed golfing, and shuffleboard at the Legion where he was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Allen is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Sherri and Don Marquardt of Angola.

He was preceded in death by both parents.

A memorial graveside service will be conducted Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville at 11 a.m.

A Celebration of Life luncheon will follow at the Rome City American Legion Post.

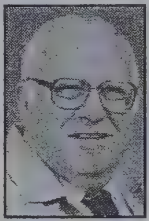
Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

To leave condolences and to sign the guestbook go to: www.hejohnsonfh.com

Maurice McPheeters

GARRETT — Maurice L. McPheeters Sr., age 80, of Garrett died on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.


Mr. McPheeters

He was born September 2, 1929, in Garrett to Cornelius G. and Orpha Mae (Brown) McPheeters.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He married Shirley M. Barkey on February 24, 1968, and she preceded him in death on June 4, 2008.

Maurice was a Bartender at the Railroad Inn in Garrett for 30 years.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Eagles and Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Maurice is survived by a daughter, Teri McPheeters of Hamilton Lake; a son, Maurice L. McPheeters Jr. of Garrett; two brothers, Gary McPheeters of Garrett and Danny McPheeters of Fort Wayne; his granddaughters, Rachel Martin and Nicole McPheeters of Auburn; his great-granddaughters, Hayley and Audra Martin, Kaid McPheeters and Kilia Fugate; and a great-grandson, Schiler Wertman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jesse and Jack McPheeters; and three sisters, Ruth Dirrim, Lucille Keyes and Mildred McPheeters.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, with Pastor Scott Miner officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery with military honors provided by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Mary Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Ellen (Frey) Bontrager, 90, of Shipshewana, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Orville Bontrager Residence, 2070 North 700 West Shipshewana with Bishop Casper Hochstetler and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. on Thursday and all day Friday at the John Hostetler Residence, 7155 West 250 North Shipshewana.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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Gladys McNabb

SAINT JOSEPH, Mich. — Gladys I. (Leiter) McNabb, 83, of Saint Joseph, Mich., and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the Willows Nursing Home in Saint Joseph.

Before moving to Michigan, she was an active member of Auburn Alliance Church.

She was born Jan. 23, 1927 in LaOtto, Ind., the daughter of the late Clarence and Pearl Edith Leiter.

Mrs. McNabb

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steven W. and Justine McNabb of Sawyer, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah J. and Tom Tarantino of Coloma, Mich.; grandchildren, David W. McNabb, Scott H. McNabb, Andrew P. Tarantino and Rebecca J. Thielmann; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ray Leiter; and three sisters, Dorothy Martin, June Hadley and Mary Peduto.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold W. McNabb; four brothers, Glen, Glade, Robert and Cleo; and two sisters, Carrie Russell and Helen Thorn.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010, with visiting one hour prior, at Auburn Alliance Church, 805 Old Brick Road, Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Shaun Dufault officiating.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, Ind.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville, Ind.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Grace Christian School at 325 N. M140 Watervliet, MI, or Hospice at Home Inc., 4025 Health Park Lane, Saint Joseph, MI 49085.

To sign the online guestbook or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

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Bonnie Hasselswerth

FREMONT — Bonnie L. Hasselswerth, 67, formerly of Defiance, Ohio, was called Home to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Hasselswerth

Bonnie was born December 6, 1942, in Defiance to the late Ed and Agnes (Berryman) Froelich. On July 7, 1962 she married John Hasselswerth who survives.

Mrs. Hasselswerth was a school bus driver for Tinora and Fremont, Ind., schools over 30 years, retiring in 2008.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church and served on the Missions Committee.

Bonnie was a 1961 graduate of Defiance High School.

She is survived by a son, Rob Hasselswerth of Angola, Ind.; three daughters, Chris (Jerry) Robinson of Defiance, Ohio, Carol (Randy) Burkholder of Fayette, Ohio, and Julie (Steve) Nichols of Angola, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Eric and Kyle Leonard, Clay, Cole and Casen Burkholder, Brianna and Nathaniel Nichols and Blayne Robinson; three brothers, Ed (Toni) Froelich of Defiance, Gene (Peg) Froelich of Defiance and Leon (Barb) Froelich of Ney, Ohio; and two sisters, Charlene Donley of Defiance, and Dina Gallant of Defiance.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Gerald Froelich and Joseph Froelich, who died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2010, at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio, with the Rev. Bryan Maxey officiating.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance.

Memorial donations may be given to Woodburn's Christian Children's Home or Angola Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.HCSFuneralHome.com

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Ruth Clark

LIGONIER — Ruth Marie Clark, 90, of Ligonier, died on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, in Ligonier.

Funeral services will be Friday 11 a.m. at the Ulrey - Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier, Indiana, with the Rev. David Kushman of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and Celebrant Larry Baker will officiating. Burial is at at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home at 9 a.m.

Memorials are to the Avalon Village or Parkview Noble Community Hospital Outpatient Services.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Janet Shaffer

HUDSON — Janet I. Shaffer, 70, of Hudson, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West Street, Angola, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial is in Prince of Peace Cemetery in Salem Center Township.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.weichtfh.com

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Janet Shaffer

HUDSON — Janet I. Shaffer, 70, of Hudson died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shaffer

Mrs. Shaffer was a homemaker and had worked in the dietary department at Cameron Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 13, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Hurless M. and Anita (Schorling) Baker. She married Gahl Shaffer on Sept. 8, 1956. He survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are four sons, Mike and Angie Shaffer of Pleasant Lake, Keith and Penny Shaffer of Byers, Colo., Kenny and Penny Shaffer of South Milford and Bob and Lori Shaffer of Orland; two daughters, Kelly and Rick Pelletier of Angola and Vickie and Robert Sink of Hudson; a sister, Judith Baker of Hudson; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery in Salem Township, Steuben County.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com

Ruth Marie Clark

LIGONIER — Ruth Marie Clark, 90, of Ligonier died on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Clark was born on September 9, 1919, in Kimmell, Indiana, to the late Medley and Leona (Galloway) McClure. On April 8, 1936, in Columbia City she married Edgar L. Clark. He preceded her in death on November 2, 1993.

Ruth grew up in Kimmell where she met her husband and had been a resident of Ligonier since 1957. Ruth retired after 20 years of service from Superior Sample in Ligonier and was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church.

She loved spending time with her family, reading, sewing, watching television, traveling and eating out.

She is survived by a son, L. Wayne Clark of Ligonier; three daughters, Linda Williams of Hamilton, Indiana, Peggy and Phil Musselman of Ligonier and Cathy and Johnny Alfrey of Wawaka; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a son, Charles Clark; and two sisters, Edith McClure and Helen Fry.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Friday, April 30, 2010 ,at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier, Indiana. The Rev. David Kushman of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and Celebrant Larry Baker will officiate the funeral service.

Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will also be today at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service.

The family request memorials be directed to the Avalon Village or Parkview Noble Community Hospital Outpatient Services.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Sharon Koester

FORT WAYNE — Sharon L. Koester, 72, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital.

She has retired as a secretary from Koester Body & Frame Shop. She had previously been a waitress at Hall's restaurants for many years.

Mrs. Koester was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church.

She was born Dec. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Steve; daughters, Carna and Andy Mitchell of Sun City, Ariz., Alana Konger of Fort Wayne, Stefanie and Chris Geary of Fort Wayne, Susie and Dave Lockwood of Fort Wayne and Debbie Decker of St. Joe; sons, Curt and Tami Garrison of Mesa, Ariz., Kevin and Joy Garrison of Knoxville, Iowa, and John Koester of Huntertown; 28 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Amerida and Dan Crow of St. Joe; and brothers, Lonney and Bernie Kimmel of Fort Wayne and Joel and Barb Kimmel of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Irvin and Lynn Kimmel.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Peters Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., with Pastor Donald Nord officiating. Burial will be in St. Peters Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

Memorials are to the church.

Mary Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Ellen (Frey) Bontrager, 90, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Orville Bontrager residence, 2070 N. C.R. 700W, Shipshewana. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be all day today at the John Hostetler residence, 7155 W. C.R. 250N, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

David Campbell

PIERCETON — David L. Campbell, 54, of Pierceton died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the home of his daughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling will be from 4-7 pm. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the David L. Campbell Memorial Fund, care of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Irene Sheets

LAGRANGE — Irene Sheets, 90, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Eddie Vaughn

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — R. Edwin "Eddie" Vaughn age 56 of Kansas City, Mo., died Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at his home.

Calling will be Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Roy Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Roy Alan Johnson, 57, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 29, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 5 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Jeff Wolheter of Bridgeway Evangelical Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

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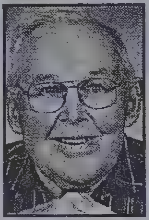
May 1, 2010, Saturday

Leo Teders

AVILLA — Leo J. Teders, 88, of rural Avilla died peacefully with his family at his bedside on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 9:20 p.m. at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Teders had been in declining health for the last two years.


Mr. Teders

Leo was born on January 31, 1924, at his family home in Avilla to the late Joseph and Beatrice (Kreinbrink) Teders. On June 7, 1947, at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Lois M. Fischer. She preceded him in death on March 17, 1988.

He was a lifetime Avilla resident and farmer. He worked for Flint & Walling in Kendallville as a machinist, retiring in 1988 after 32 years of service. Leo was known to be "Mr. Fix It." He also enjoyed being around his family, farming and woodworking.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Leo was a member of the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Avilla American Legion Post 240.

He is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Roger Dancer, Brenda and Mark Weber and Beverly and Mike Edwards, all of Avilla, and Jane and Connie Feist of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters, Alice Meyer and Theresa (Fyi) Meyer, both of Avilla, Henrietta and Bob Harris of LaOtto and Lucy and Mike Higginbotham of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Herman and Harriet Teders of Avilla and Henry and Shirley Teders of Wisconsin.

His wife; his parents; a son, Dennis Teders; and two sisters, Mary Ann Fike and Elizabeth "Betty" Teders, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday May 4, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Eprpelding will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. There will be an additional one hour of calling prior to the Mass at the church.

The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral Home on Monday.

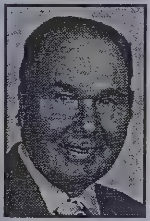
The family requests memorials be directed to Masses, Saint Mary's Catholic School Endowment Fund or Right to Life.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Harold Hose

BUTLER — Harold H. Hose, 91, died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Hose was a retired farmer and had worked for more than 50 years at the St. Joe Elevator.


Mr. Hose

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born in Wilmington Township on April 16, 1919, to Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. He married Naomi Larkin on May 22, 1942, in the EUB Parsonage in Newville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 15, 1991.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Ron Hagewood of Auburn, Anna Mae and Jim Harter of Brownsburg, Ind., Ruth and Randy Towers of Auburn, and Helen and Voyle Hartleroad of Butler; two sisters, Viola Houser of Columbia City and Grace (Judd) Gillespie of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ralph, Wilber and Herbert Hose; and a grandson, Jeffrey Hagewood.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Richard Minehart officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent and video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
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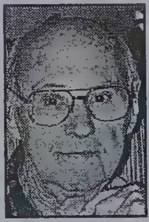
May 1, 2010, Saturday

Walter Mast

BRYAN, Ohio — Walter Mast finished his 94-year journey on this Earth and passed on to his eternal home on Friday, April 30, 2010 while a resident of Fairlawn Haven, Archbold, Ohio.


Mr. Mast

Walter was one of 12 children born to Uriah and Elizabeth (Briskey) Mast on May 27, 1915, near Kokomo, Indiana. His parents and siblings, Cora Yoder, Barbara Yoder, Lena Byler, Amos Mast, Leah Beachy, Amanda Mast, Fannie Gingrich, Eli Mast, Sue Hochstedler and two infant brothers all preceded him in death.

Walter and his wife Edith (Erdman) were introduced on a blind date and were united in marriage on July 17, 1949. They celebrated 60 wonderful years together in 2009.

He enjoyed many years as a farmer and carpenter in the Sherwood area.

One of Walter's greatest joys in his life was the love of his family.

Survivng are his two children, James (Toni) Mast of Rome City, Indiana, and Barbara (Denver) Owens of Bryan; six grandchildren, Michael (Shronna) Mast of Rome City, Ind., Misty (John) Hageman of Bryan, Alyssia Mickem of Rome City, Ind., Tari (Bernie) Davis of Bryan, Janessa (John) Moran IV of Louisville, Ky., and Timothy (Bridget) Mast of Wolcottville, Ind.; and 11 great-grandchildren, Shylla, Jacob, Hayden, Elli, Kendall, Sydney, Hannah, Luke, Colton, Brock and Grace.

Funeral services for Walter Mast will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010, at New Hope Community Church 15627 U.S. Highway 127, Bryan, with Pastor George Kreger officiating. Internment will follow in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan.

Visitation for Mr. Mast will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory — Greenisen Chapel, 225 E. High St., Bryan.

Memorials in the name of Walter Mast may be given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Darrell Hicks

CORUNNA — Darrell Hicks, 62, died Thursday, April 20, 2010, at his home in Corunna.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery following the funeral service.

Visitation will also be Sunday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville after 3 p.m. with an evening services at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be Monday at the church at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Percy Cooper

FREMONT — Percy J. Cooper, 96, of Fremont died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Cooper

Mr. Cooper had retired as a tool grinder from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola.

He was born May 12, 1913, in Fremont to Perry and Alma (Byers) Cooper. He married Wauneta Wells on Aug. 1, 1934. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters, Virginia and Wendell Burk of Eaton Rapids, Mich., and Barbara and Estel Spangle of Orland; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Jamestown Cemetery in rural Steuben County with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Memorials are to the family in care of Wauneta Cooper.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Roy Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Roy Alan Johnson, 57, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 29, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, with his family at his side. He had been ill for one week.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson had lived in Kendallville for seven years, coming from Butler.

He worked at Quick Tanks in Kendallville.

He was a volunteer pack leader for Cub Scout Troop 3157 in Kendallville, and attended Bridgeway Evangelical Church in Kendallville.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, being outdoors, and loved to read.

He was born November 29, 1952, in Warsaw to Billy and Sandra (McPherson) Johnson.

Surviving are his mother, Sandra Johnson of Syracuse; a daughter, Amanda Johnson of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Heather Johnson of Warsaw; six grandchildren, Teryn Allen, Kristen Johnson, Kayla Johnson, Caleb Hecke, Sarah Johnson and Samuel Johnson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kellie and Glenn Laughlin of New Paris and Jan Monnier of Warsaw; a brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Terrie Johnson of Churubusco; and his significant other, Cindy Johnson of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Johnson, and a niece, Nicole Johnson.

A memorial service will be held Monday, May 3, 2010, at 5 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Jeff Wolheter of Bridgeway Evangelical Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Bridgeway Evangelical Church or Cub Scout Troop 3157.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Landon Gingerich

MIDDLEBURY — Landon Michael Gingerich was stillborn Friday, April 30, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital to Jamie L. Gingerich and Shalee Hall of Middlebury.

Friends and family may meet for a graveside services at 3 p.m. on Monday at the North Union Cemetery, Union, Mich.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jean Smith, 86, of Kendallville died Friday, April 30, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Martha Strite

NILES, Mich. — Martha Elizabeth Strite, 94, of Williamsport, Pa., and formerly of Niles, Mich., and Angola, Ind., died Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Emmanuel Baptist Bible Church in Niles.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo, Ind.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Halbritter Funeral Home in Niles is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Baptist Church, 216 Beeson Road, Niles, MI 49120 or Lake James Christian Assembly, 1880 W. C.R. 275N, Angola, IN 46703.

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His heart was with the kids

BY DAVE KURTZ
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Kenneth and Margaret Junk of Auburn never had children of their own, but that didn't stop them from making a difference in the lives of young people.

"For many, many years, if you asked Ken how many kids he had, he'd say, 'I have a hundred, and they're all down in Terre Haute,'" said Zach Pies, director of development for Gibault Children's Services.

Mr. Junk died Feb. 24 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He left behind a legacy at Gibault.

In 2006, the Gibault dedicated the Kenneth and Margaret Junk Group Home on its Terre Haute7 campus to honor the couple's years of generosity and dedication. The home houses up to eight students in a residential-style setting, as an alternative to a dormitory.

"Ken gave very, very strongly, and Ken wasn't a profoundly wealthy man," Pies said about Mr. Junk's donations to Gibault.

The Knights of Columbus founded Gibault in 1921 as a home for wayward boys.

"We are far more than that now," Pies added. Gibault provides housing and services for children who have been removed from their communities because of their behavior. It also provides programs to help families.

Through his involvement with Knights of Columbus, Mr. Junk became impressed with Gibault's mission.

"This was where his heart was," Pies said. "He was always curious about what was going on. He would call down at the beginning of the semester and say, 'What do my kids need?'"

Then, he would work to make sure those needs were met, through his own gifts and by enthusiastically recruiting other donors.

"We have a very strong presence of supporters and advocates in northeast Indiana," Pies said. "Ken got many of them involved."

Later in his life, Mr. Junk bought Gibault a multi-passenger golf cart to help transport other donors who had difficulty walking, as he did. When he no longer could drive, he donated his car to Gibault.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Kenneth Junk holds an award he received on the day Gibault Children's Services dedicated the Kenneth and Margaret Junk Group Home.

Mr. Junk worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, many of them while operating a dairy farm. He served with the U.S. Marines in World War II and Korea. He was married to Margaret for nearly 48 years. She died in 1997.

On one of the last trips his health allowed Kenneth Junk to make to Terre Haute, Gibault dedicated its new group home in honor of Mr. Junk and his late wife.

"It was our honor to be able to do that," Pies said. "He was just a great man — love of country, love of faith, and he really loved our kids."

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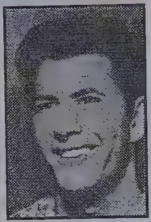
Darrell Hicks

CORUNNA — Darrell Von Hicks, 62, of Corunna, died on Friday, April 30, 2010, at his home in Corunna.


Mr. Hicks

Mr. Hicks was born in Porter, Ky., near the Milton Conley hollar, on Jan. 5, 1948 to the late Harvey and Crystal (Thornsberry) Hicks. He married Linda Sue Cox on May 19, 1969, in Wise, W.V.

He worked at Essex Wire in Kendallville for 32 years before retiring in 2008.

Darrell was a dedicated member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville. He loved to be outside, fishing, hunting, gardening and tending to his flowers. His family and church were the most important things in his life and he enjoyed good music and singing and visiting with people.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Sue Hicks of Corunna; two son, Stacy Hicks and Adam Hicks, both of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Serina and Kenneth Lynch of Corunna and Rachel Bidwell of Corunna; five granddaughters, Brittany Lynch, Katlin Hicks, Ashlie Hicks, Courtney Lynch, and Brooklyn Bidwell; four grandsons, Wyatt Hicks, Jesse Hicks, Carson Hicks, and Sedrik Hicks; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Velma Glee and Rev. Jerry Collins of LaGrange, Ruby and Willie Sparkman of Corunna, Vessie and Herman Crager of Corunna, Margaret Johnson of Michigan, Refus and Carl Ashley of Kentucky, Margie Hicks of Kentucky; and five brothers and a sister-in-law, Chester Lee "Sonny" and Mavis Hicks of Corunna, Joey Hicks of Kentucky, Angelo Hicks of Kentucky, Charles Hicks of Kentucky and Cracker "Jimmy" Hicks of Kentucky.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, William Lee Hicks and Mark "Buddy" Hicks.

Visitation will be today after 3 p.m. at the Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville. There will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Funeral Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating the funeral service.

Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery following the funeral.

Casketbearers will be his two sons, Stacy Hicks and Adam Hicks, Kenneth Lynch, Keith Sparkman, Duane Sparkman, and Jeff Collins.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Mary Johnson

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary L. Johnson, 71, of Shipshewana, died Friday, April 30, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Betty Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jean Smith, 86, of Kendallville, died on Friday, April 30, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born in Goshen on July 10, 1923, to Chester Boyd Alheim and Laura Irene (Pendroy) Alheim.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1942. She married Carlyle Vernon Smith in Albion and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Years ago she worked at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville as a nurse's aide.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville. She helped prepare the church bulletin, taught Sunday school, and was the church treasurer for a period of time. Betty loved being with her family, tending to her flowers, working crosswords puzzles in the paper everyday, and being involved in the church.

Survivors include two sons, Don Smith of Avilla and Timothy Smith of Kendallville; granddaughters Jennifer Lynn Smith of LaGrange, Betsy Burns of Texas, Mary Debra Verbeck of Texas, Angela Lawson of Texas and Karen Murray of Michigan; great-grandchildren Corey Watson, Michael Fugate and Talona Fugate; a brother, Chester Alheim of Goshen; and a sister, Virginia Smith of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Kaye Rice and brother, Max Alheim.

Memorial services will be at a later date at First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Private burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Virgie Caudill

KENDALLVILLE — Virgie “Thelma” Caudill, 79, of Kendallville, went onto her heavenly home on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Caudill was born in Topmost, Ky., Knott County, on May 24, 1930, to Robert and Arminda (Short) Collins.

She married Maggard Caudill on May 24, 1943 in Pikeville, Kentucky and he preceded her death Nov. 1, 1976.

Mrs. Caudill

She was a homemaker and member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

Survivors include six sons and daughters-in-law, Woodie and Ethel Caudill of Paintsville, Ky., Darel and Martha Caudill of Middlebury, Ralph and Robin Caudill of Kendallville, Talt and Sherry Caudill of Kendallville, Kenneth and Rita Caudill of Pierceton and Amos and Kathy Caudill of LaGrange; seven daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Robert Scoles of Kendallville, Kathy and Jack Hamilton of Huntington, Eunice and Terry Triplett of Angola, Nora Lee and Ron Hamman of Angola, Mary Helen and Tracy Lynch of Corbin, Ky., Bertha “Birdie” and Robert Smith of Ligonier and Ruthann and Kevin Weikart of Pierceton; 26 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Bonnie Lou Caudill; a son, Lowell Caudill; and her four brothers, Benny, Isadore, C, and Frank Collins.

Visitation will be Sunday, from after 4 p.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

Visitation will also be Monday, all day with evening services at 6 p.m. at the church.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Leroy Miller

TOPEKA — Leroy D. Miller, 73, of Topeka, died Saturday, May 1, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. Sunday at his home, 9340 W C.R. 400S, Topeka.

Further arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Boneata Shumaker

PLEASANT LAKE — Boneata M. Shumaker, 78, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, April 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, in Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Shumaker was born on Oct. 13, 1931, in Normandy, to John and Velma (Hendricks) Perkins. She married Charles Duane Shumaker on Oct. 17, 1953. He survives in Pleasant Lake.

Mrs. Shumaker

She was retired as a bookkeeper for the Steuben County Highway Dept. She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church; Work and Play Club; and the Salem Lamplighters Home Ec. Club.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law; Kenneth and Marcia Shumaker of Pleasant Lake; and two grandchildren; Jeremy Ellert and Christopher (Amber) Ellert.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Step-Father, Elmer Richards; and a sister, Mona Jean Crow.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church, with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating.

Visitation will be 4-8 Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

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Lawrence Witte

FORT WAYNE — Lawrence "Larry" Allen Witte, 68, died, Friday, April 30, 2010 at home peacefully with his family at his side.

Mr. Witte was born Aug. 26, 1941, in Fort Wayne, the son of Paul and Velma (Sorg) Witte.

He graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1959. He was a Journeyman Pattern Maker for 30 years at Cole Pattern & Eng, Inc. He co-owned Braun-Witte Patterns, Inc. in Kendallville with his business partner Tom Braun. In 1995 he and his wife moved to Oliver Lake in Lagrange County where he enjoyed fishing, boating & spending his time with family and friends. He and his wife loved going to auctions and traveling. He was a collector of Roy Rogers memorabilia (in 1994 he actually met Roy at his California Museum), pocket knives, die cast model cars, trucks and airplanes.

Mr. Witte

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years that he married on Aug. 6, 1961 in Kendallville, Nedra F. (Smith) Witte; son, Brent; daughter, Carole (Tim) Langston both of Fort Wayne; grandsons, Daniel and Tyler Langston; father, Paul of Wolcottville; sisters, Darla Samra of New Haven and Jean (Steve) Parnin of Fort Wayne.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Velma Witte in 1985; and mother and father-in-law, Dale and Mildred Smith.

Service is 11 a.m., Wednesday at Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road. Calling is 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. He will be entombed at Covington Memorial Gardens.

In Lieu of flowers memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.covingtonmemorial.com

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Margaret Federspiel

CLEAR LAKE — Margaret Weber Federspiel, age 89, of Clear Lake, and Naples, Fla., died on April 30, 2010, of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born on April 22, 1921, in Ft. Wayne, to J. Stephen Weber and Hilda (Pierre) Weber. She married Robert P. Federspiel in 1945. He survives in Naples.

Also surviving are five children: Phillip P. Federspiel of West Hartford, Conn., Ellen F. Poffenberger and her husband Robert (Fritz) of Carmel, Susan F. Chase of Glastonbury, Conn., Neil M. Federspiel and his wife Marcia of Ft. Wayne, and Ann F. DeWert and her husband Richard of Cincinnati, Ohio; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, James A. Weber, and his wife Rita, and her sister-in-law Nancy Weber.

Mrs. Federspiel

She was predeceased by her son Paul R. Federspiel, and her brothers Dr. John R. Weber and Donald Weber;.

Mrs. Federspiel was employed by Wayne Pump and was a homemaker after marriage. She was involved with the Ft. Wayne Sewing Club, the St. Charles Rosary Sodality and was a volunteer for the Ft. Wayne Christmas Bureau. In addition, she was head of the volunteer organization at Naples Community Hospital and was an active volunteer there for 15 years.

Mrs. Federspiel was an exceptionally loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved unconditionally and with joy. She was a very patient person, with a cheerful outlook on life. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining, reading and travel. Having residences in Fort Wayne and Clear Lake, and Naples, she enriched each community in which she lived.

Private services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, FL 34102.

Arrangements By Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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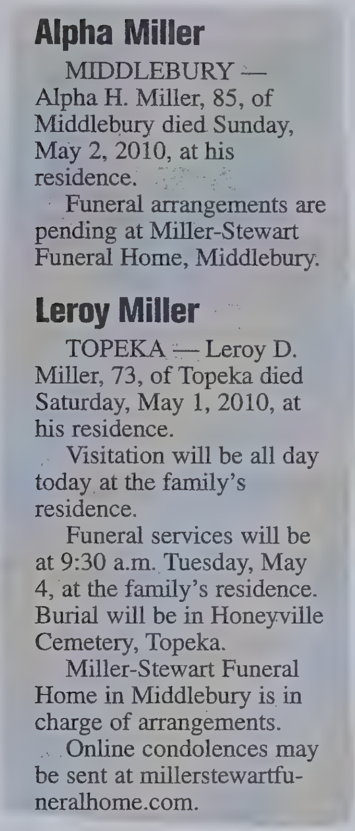

Alpha Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Alpha H. Miller, 85, of Middlebury died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Leroy Miller

TOPEKA — Leroy D. Miller, 73, of Topeka died Saturday, May 1, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be all day today at the family's residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the family's residence. Burial will be in Honeyville Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 4, 2010, Tuesday

Carolyn Lash

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Lash, 69, of Kendallville died Monday, May 3, 2010, at her home.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Harbor of Love Baptist Church

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Rilda Gayheart

HAZARD, Ky. — Rilda B. Gayheart, 86, of Hazard, Ky., and formerly of Rome City died Sunday, May 2, 2010, in Hazard.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, where funeral services will be held at 7 p.m.

A complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Clifton Rasey

BRONSON, Mich. — Clifton G. Rasey, 76, of Bronson died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago, St., Coldwater.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Alpha Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Alpha H. Miller, 85, of Middlebury died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Townline Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the World Missionary Press.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lorene Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — Lorene P. Hochstetler, newborn daughter of Perry L. Susie W. (Schmucker) Hochsteter of LaGrange died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. today at the family residence. Burial will be in Bloomfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Marceil Stoll

OSSIAN — Marceil A. Stoll, 83, of Ossian, died Saturday, May 1, 2010, at home.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7545 N. 650E, Ossian.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian, and Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund or Worship for Shut-ins.

Guy Mausteller

BUTLER — Guy I. Mausteller, 85, of Butler died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospitl in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

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Charles Bloom

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Gordon Bloom, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, May 3, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom was a lifelong resident of DeKalb and Noble counties. He retired from West Noble Middle School as an Industrial Arts and Science teacher. He was also a farmer.

He was a founding board member of Kid City in Kendallville, and was a founding board member for Science Central in Fort Wayne where he volunteered 1,007 and one-half hours. He also volunteered at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, completing 360 hours, and volunteered for the Salvation Army as a bell ringer.

He was a current member of the Board of Directors for Common Grace, and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where he was active in missions.

He was a member of the Future Farmers of America where he served as Vice President and Reporter from 1953 to 1955. His son, Greg, was also a state FFA officer serving as Treasurer from 1983 to 1984. They are the only father and son combination in Indiana to serve on the state level to this date.

He was known as the "Mayor" of Leighty Road because of keeping the roadsides clean, and was the caretaker of the Cree Lake Public Access site.

He enjoyed creating wetlands, wildlife preservation areas, and maintaining his tree farm. He also enjoyed fishing for bluegill.

Gordon was born August 26, 1934, in Waterloo to Charles and Florence (Hanson) Bloom. On July 29, 1962, in LaGrange he married Marlene June Brenneman.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Helmkamp of Auburn and Sally and David Turner of Crawfordsville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Alisa Bloom of Kendallville and Greg and Laurie Bloom of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren, Kevin Bloom, Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner, and Lucas Turner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Retha Ruger; and his wife, Marlene Bloom on March 7, 1985.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner and Lucas Turner.

Active casketbearers will be Kevin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Wes Oswalt, Tom Stafford, Jerry Brenneman, Jeff Brenneman and Brent Ruger.

Calling is Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., and also one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Common Grace or to the Gordon Bloom Forest Education Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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John Raabe

AUBURN — John H. Raabe, 81, died Saturday, May 1, 2010.

He was born in the Bronx borough of New York City, the son of the late John and Marie Raabe.

Mr. Raabe was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He retired as a mechanic with more than 30 years service from Consolidated Edison Co. of New York in 1987.

He was an avid gardener that probably stemmed from living in Ridgefield, Conn., for over 40 years. Those were his fondest memories being there with his family.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, Walter Hauser of Auburn; a nephew, Raymond Hauser of Fort Wayne; a niece, Carol Wire of Northport, Mich.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Eleanor M. Hauser in 1999; and a nephew, Warren Hauser in 1984.

Private services will be held at a later date.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Terina Abel

KENDALLVILLE — Terina Lyn (Boyd) Abel, age 37, of Kendallville died on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in LaGrange on January 11, 1973, to Ben and Twyla (Blaising) Boyd and they survive in Rome City.

Mrs. Abel

Terina graduated in 1991 from Lakeland High School in LaGrange. After graduating from Lakeland, she went on to attend the Willma Boyd School of Travel and Business in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1992.

She married Brian Emanuel Abel on November 10, 2007, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. He survives in Kendallville.

Terina was a travel agent for 18 years and worked at several agencies in Fort Wayne including Gruinger Travel, Conference and Travel and Allen Travel. She also worked for Action Travel in Kendallville and Odyssey Travel in Columbia City.

She attended the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Terina was a very devoted and loving mother to her son, Braxton, and loved to spend time with him and the rest of her family and friends.

She also enjoyed gardening and scrapbooking.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Abel of rural Kendallville; her son, Braxton Abel, at home; her parents, Ben and Twyla Boyd of Sylvan Lake, Rome City; a brother, Brent Boyd of LaGrange; her grandmother, Mary Jane Boyd of LaGrange; her mother and father-in-law, Robert and Lindol Abel of Avilla; a brother-In-Law, Robert Abel of Kendallville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Fred and Esther Blaising; her paternal grandfather, William Jr. "Bill" Boyd; and an uncle, Orland Blaising.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dan Barker and Father Kenneth Sarrazine.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Shaun Boyd, Travis Boyd, Josh Molen, Brian Fortman, Brad Workman and Jim Lash.

Preferred memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, May 5, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Deloris Messmann

FORT WAYNE — Deloris M. Messmann, 83, a former Fort Wayne resident, currently of Fremont, died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Messman

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Herschel and Melva Coulter.

Deloris was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Fremont, and formerly a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

She had been employed for 10 years at the Shoaff Park Kinder Care.

She is survived by her children: Blaine (Valerie) Messmann of Fort Wayne, Jill (Jeff) Elliott of Alvada, Ohio; her grandchildren: Cody, Jared and Luke Messmann, Cord and Megan Elliott; and her siblings: Paul Coulter, Lois Downing, Carol Kosteck, Joy Crowder and Russell Coulter, all of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin "Bud" Messmann in 1983; her siblings: Linda Clifford, Michael Coulter and Leroy Coulter; and grandson, James Messmann.

Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family will also receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Send condolences online to www.harperfuneralhome.com

Carolyn Bortner

CAMDEN, Ohio — Carolyn R. Bortner, 71, of Camden, Ohio, and formerly of Ligonier, Ind. passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 7, 2010, while spending the winter with her beloved husband in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Bortner was born Oct. 9, 1938, in Etna, Ind., to Curtis and Edna (Weist) Lung.

She worked as a dental nurse and then in manufacturing for Monsanto, Sorg/Erving, and retired from Silgan as a ticket clerk/graphic designer in 2001.

She was a member of the Kendallville First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She enjoyed traveling, reading, word puzzles and meeting with new and old friends.

She was a loving wife, mother and excellent grandmother.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 44 years, Edward Bortner; a daughter, Dawna (Michael) Simpson; stepsons, Kevin Bortner, Ron (Sandra) Bortner, and Terry Bortner; grandchildren, McKenna Simpson, Josh (Jennifer) Bortner, Chad (Erica) Bortner, Jamie Bortner, Jerimee (Kris) Bortner, Melissa (Charles) Northrop, Brandy (Doug) Carroll, Kristen (Joshua) Martz, Ethan Bortner, Justin (Holly) Bortner, and Amanda (Jared) Knipper; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Jan) Lung; and sisters, Nina Clark, Jean Denton, Evelyn Martin; Martha (Skip) Schlotterback, and Florence Cosart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Samuel Smith; a brother, Doyle Lung; and a sister, Dawn Rice.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 4520 Rosedale Road, Middletown, Ohio, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin St., Ligonier, Ind.

Carolyn will be missed deeply by those who knew and loved her dearly.

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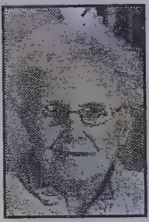
Hilda Jacob

SHIPSHEWANA — Hilda M. Jacob, 89, of Shipshewana, Ind., and a longtime Wolcottville, Ind., resident, died Monday, May 3, 2010, at her daughter's home in Shipshewana.


Mrs. Jacob

Mrs. Jacob moved from Angola, Ind., to Wolcottville in 1956.

She was a co-owner from 1956-1980 of Combined Agency Insurance and Real Estate in Wolcottville and LaGrange, Ind.

She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville, Ind., and attended the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, Ind.

Mrs. Jacob was born on May 9, 1920, in Branch County, Mich., to Roy and Rose (Unterkircher) Luce. On November 28, 1946, in Angola, Ind., she married Gerald R. "Jerry" Jacob. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoAnn and the Rev. Daniel Engber of Shipshewana, and Jayne and W. Dennis Dervay of Mentor, Ohio; three granddaughters, Jill Hostetler, Julie (Troy) Sharp and Apryl Dervay; three great-granddaughters, Halle, Hope, and Hillary Hostetler.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Carol Hoopingarner; and a brother, Max Luce.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville, Ind.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Wolcottville United Methodist Church or Lima Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Paul Soule

BUTLER — Paul Eldon Soule passed away April 28, 2010, at 11:22 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after a long fight of health problems.

Mr. Soule

He was born June 26, 1935, to Fannie (Kellogg) and Russell Soule in rural Hamilton, Indiana. His wife of 52 years, Mary (Schelling) Soule survives him and four daughters, Roberta (Soule) Harrington of Monteplier, Ohio, Marsha (Soule) Coker of Montpelier, Ohio, Cindy (Soule) Martin of Washington state and Christina (Soule) Lovejoy of Monrovia, Indiana; and a sister, Madelyn Chrysler of Angola, Indiana.

In death he is preceded by his mother, Fannie, his father, Russell, a granddaughter, Sunnie Dae Antrump; and a great-granddaughter, Kate Lynn Coker.

He attended Metz School and graduated in 1953. Mary Schelling became his wife on June 14, 1958, and planted roots in Butler, Indiana.

The National Guard became a love of his from 1953 to 1962, in which gave him many stories to tell we four girls during our childhood.

His career in printing began at Higley printing in Butler, Indiana, from 1953 to 1960. After the closing of Higley's, Paul went to work at Tri-State Litho in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from 1961 to 1968 in which Keefer Printing bought Tri-State and Paul stayed with the company where he retired in 2000.

Paul befriended many people along his way, picking on and telling jokes. He always had a new joke to tell it usually was a belly buster.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Chad, Cassie, Christopher, Clarissa, David, Robert, Branddan, Andrea, Jeremiah and Billy; six great-grandchildren; a nephew, Keith; and a niece, Beverly of Angola.

Visitation will be May 4 and May 5 from 2-8 p.m. at Wilson and Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio, with the service May 6, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Wilson and Geesey in Montpelier, Ohio.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio.

Donations can be made in Paul's name to the Diabetes Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank.

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Irene Sheets

LAGRANGE — Irene Sheets, 90, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Sheets was a lifetime LaGrange County resident who retired from the former Vencor Hospital in LaGrange as supervisor of housekeeping.

She was a member of the 1st United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Sylvan Chapter No. 251 Order of Eastern Star, and was a charter member of the hospital volunteers.

Mrs. Sheets was born on Jan. 2, 1920, in Stroh. to C. Fred and Brijetta (McBride) Rowlison. On June 25, 1938, in LaGrange she married Robert H. Sheets. He preceded her in death in July 1972.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Marjorie Rowlison of LaGrange; and several nieces and nephews, including Michael D. Rowlison of LaGrange who was his aunt's care-giver.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Emma Lower; and two brothers, Fred and Robert Rowlison.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Betty Smith

HOLLAND, Mich. — Betty Smith, age 82, of Holland passed away on Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Hospice House of Holland.

She was a member of the Holland Garden Club, Eastern Star and was also past editor of the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club.

She was a past member of Hope Church in Holland and a current member of Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Chester Smith; and her children, Fred and Jackie Smith of Ann Arbor, Mich.,

Dottie Smith of Byhalia, Miss., Barbara and Perry Balgoyen of Allegan, Mich., and Jeff and Kenlyn Smith of Holland; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Juanita Rhodes of Garrett, Ind.; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Margaret Brinkman of Coral Gables, Fla., Estelle and Mary Sue Smith of Garrett, Ind., Lois Stebing of Auburn, Ind., Homer and Gloria Smith of Twelve Mile, Ind., Ramona Rohm of Auburn, Ind., and Violet and Larry Hansche of Redding, Calif.; an aunt, Ethel Smith of Auburn, Ind.; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

According to her wishes, Betty's body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010, at the Garrett Presbyterian Church, 201 S. Franklin St., Garrett, Ind. with the Reverend William R. Haworth will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norm Gibson Foundation c/o Grand Valley State University.

Arrangements are by Lakeshore Memorial Services.

An on-line registry book is available at www.lakeshorememorial.com.

David Todd

ROME CITY — David L. Todd, 67, of Rome City passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Todd of Rome City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Shane Todd of Rome City and Sean and Chris Todd of Marietta, Ga.; a daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Stacey and Bob Clarke of Imbler, Ore.; his grandchildren, Gabrielle, Niall and Winter; and a sister, Mary Ruth Graham of Fishers, Ind.

There will be no services.

Percy Cooper

FREMONT — Percy J. Cooper, 96, of Fremont died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Memorials are to the family in care of Wauneta Cooper.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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D. Ruth Mote

BOYNTON BEACH, Ky. — D. Ruth Mote, 89, of Boynton Beach, Ky., died April 25, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Mote had lived in Angola for four years before moving to Boynton Beach.

She was a senior bowling champion and a duplicate bridge professional.

Mrs. Mote was vice president at the First Federal Bank of Delray Beach, Fla.

She was born May 9, 1920, in Paulding, Ohio, to William T. and Lenore (Baughman) Hayes. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jane Mote of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Rae Ann and Tom Hoffman of Louisville, Ky.; and three grandchildren, Dr. Andrew Hoffman, Anne Ivey and Jessica Conrad.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Cameron Woods in Angola, Ind., with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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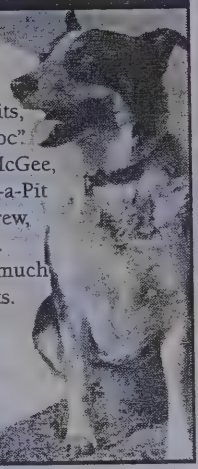

We,
the family, would like
to say thank you to everyone for all
the love, prayers, phone calls, e-mails, visits,
food and memorials during the loss of "Doc".
A very special thank you to Drs. Chaffee & McGee,
Byron Health Center, Dupont Hospital, Port-a-Pit
Bar-B-Que, Fr. Herman, Fr. Jason, Fr. Andrew,
Fr. Derrick and Thomas Funeral Home.
At a time like this, no one realizes just how much
friends and family mean, so again, thanks.

Mary Ellen Johnson
Julie Anne, Jac Talley & family
Dr. Butch, Angie Johnson & family
Art & Rose Johnson & family

Phyllis Fuller

HAMILTON — Phyllis Jean Fuller, 86, of Hamilton died Friday, March 5, 2010, in Angola.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.wichtfh.com.

Mary Baldwin

LAGRANGE — Mary L. Baldwin, 81, of LaGrange died Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Guy Mausteller

BUTLER — Guy I. Mausteller, 85, died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Mausteller

He was born on September 8, 1924, in Mifflinburg, Pa., to Irland D. and Ruth (Oberlin) Mausteller. He attended schools in West Milton and Milton, Pa., graduating from Milton High School at the age of 15 in 1940. Guy attended engineering school in Williamsburg, Pa.

He entered the U.S. Army in May of 1943 and served at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the Pacific Theater in World War II. Guy received Honorary Status for life for his military service from the president of United States.

Guy worked for the Reading Railroad in Pennsylvania until 1953. He moved to Fort Wayne in 1953 to work at Peerless Mfg. Co. In 1960, he purchased Ladco Heating and Air Conditioning. Over the years he worked in the heating and plumbing business, Butler Company and Spade Heating and Plumbing until his retirement in 2002. He also spent many years as maintenance supervisor for DeKalb Eastern Schools.

Guy was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church of St. Joe. and a member of the Indiana Sheriffs Association and former member of the Civil Defense in Allen and DeKalb counties.

Guy began service in volunteer fire departments in 1946 in Pennsylvania and later with the St. Joe Fire Department, serving as Assistant Chief. He was a former member of DeKalb County Firefighters Association, receiving Firefighter of the Year in 1977.

He was also a former member of the Butler Lions Club and served on the Butler Days Committee. Guy was a 50-year member of the Masonic Fraternity serving as Worshipful Master at South Gate, Auburn City, and Forest Lodges. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite and a life member of Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waterloo.

Guy served as Mayor of the City of Butler from 1980 to 1988.

Guy married Glenda June Davis in Fort Wayne on September 29, 1962, and she survives. Also surviving are five sons, Guy Mausteller Jr. of Allenwood, Pa., Ronald (Ruth) Mausteller of Pleasant Lake, Steve (Sabina) Charles of Las Vegas, Nev., James (Cathy) Charles of Auburn; and David (Conni) Charles of Plattsmouth, Neb.; two daughters, Deborah (Ronald) Sherman of Fort Wayne and Kathleen (Michael) Prentice of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Martha Coup; a daughter-in-law, Connie Mausteller; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services for Guy I. Mausteller will be Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military honors by the Garrett American Legion.

Visitation will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

A Masonic Service will be held Friday at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mark Lutheran Church St. Joe, Forest Lodge 239 F&AM, or the Masonic Home in Franklin, Ind.

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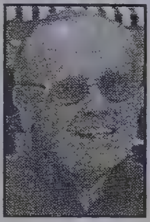
Gordon Bloom

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Gordon Bloom, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, May 3, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.


Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom was a lifelong resident of DeKalb and Noble counties. He retired from West Noble Middle School as an Industrial Arts and Science teacher. He was also a farmer.

He was a founding board member of Kid City in Kendallville, and was a founding board member for Science Central in Fort Wayne where he volunteered 1,007 and one-half hours. He also volunteered at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, completing 360 hours, and volunteered for the Salvation Army as a bell ringer.

He was a current member of the Board of Directors for Common Grace, and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where he was active in missions.

He was a member of the Future Farmers of America where he served as Vice President and Reporter from 1953 to 1955. His son, Greg, was also a state FFA officer serving as Treasurer from 1983 to 1984. They are the only father and son combination in Indiana to serve on the state level to this date.

He was known as the "Mayor" of Leighty Road because of keeping the roadsides clean, and was the caretaker of the Cree Lake Public Access site.

He enjoyed creating wetlands, wildlife preservation areas, and maintaining his tree farm. He also enjoyed fishing for bluegill.

Gordon was born August 26, 1934, in Waterloo to Charles and Florence (Hanson) Bloom. On July 29, 1962, in LaGrange he married Marlene June Brenneman.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Helmkamp of Auburn and Sally and David Turner of Crawfordsville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Alisa Bloom of Kendallville and Greg and Laurie Bloom of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren, Kevin Bloom, Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner, and Lucas Turner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Retha Ruger; and his wife, Marlene Bloom on March 7, 1985.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner and Lucas Turner.

Active casketbearers will be Kevin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Wes Oswalt, Tom Stafford, Jerry Brenneman, Jeff Brenneman and Brent Ruger.

Calling is today, Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., and also one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Common Grace or to the Gordon Bloom Forest Education Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Joseph Sprott

HARRISON, Ark. — Joseph Ezra Sprott, age 95, of Harrison died April 29, 2010, at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center.

He was born on September 22, 1914, in Auburn, Ind., the son of Donald Potter Sprott and Hazel Ensley Sprott.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Ark.

Mr. Sprott was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was the former mayor of Huntsville, having served in that capacity in the 1960s. He was a charter member of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, where he worked on many of its projects throughout northwest Arkansas.

He recently received a 60-year certificate as a 32nd Degree Mason.

A former resident of Kern County, Calif., Mr. Sprott moved his family to a ranch north of Huntsville in 1959, and he remained a resident of Madison County the rest of his life, finally settling on a small farm on Kings River, just outside of Marble.

Mr. Sprott is survived by his wife of 77 years, Virginia Kathryn Sprott, at home; and their five children, retired Marine Lt. Col. David N. Sprott of Mobile, Ala., Dr. J. Michael Sprott and his wife, Linda S. Sprott of Omaha, Roberta K. Nelson and her husband, Ronald E. Nelson, of Helena, Mont., Samuel W. Sprott and his wife, Sandra K. Sprott, of Hermitage, Mo., and James D. Sprott and his wife, Janis A. Sprott, of Harrison. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jeffrey Sprott, Megan Davis, Jay Sprott, Karen Boardman, Judy Werner, Eric Nelson, Neil Nelson, Rebekah Vieira, Tony Sprott, Sarah Heringer and Emily McIllwain; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He will be remembered for his devotion and care for his family, his discipline, and his interest in improving the communities in which he lived.

Services were held Monday, May 3, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. Interment followed at the Alabam Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeffrey Sprott, Eric Nelson, Neil Nelson, Ryan Heringer, Jonathan McIllwain and Todd Werner.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Building Fund of the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 603, Huntsville, AR 72740 or to the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Foundation Inc., 620 N. Main St., Harrison, AR 72601.

Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Strange

FAIRMOUNT — Elizabeth Hickman Strange, 92, died Monday, May 3, 2010, in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Strange

She was born in Matthews, Indiana, on November 22, 1917, to the late William Franklin and Madie (Jones) Richards. She married Arthur Hickman in August 1946 and he preceded her in death March 24, 1970. She then married Norman Strange on March 8, 1983, and he died on January 8, 2008.

She retired from Norwell School System after 40 years of teaching.

She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, watching old Westerns, and being with family and friends.

Survivors include a son, Richard "Dick" (Lynne) Hickman of Angola; a granddaughter, Nichole (Keith) Covey of Angola; two great-grandchildren, Rachel and Rian; two stepgrandchildren, Jennifer (Larry) Pizer of Angola and Scott Shelton of Angola; four stepgreat-grandchildren, Tyler, Nick, Katie, and Keaton; four nephews; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Elsie Ruth, Martha Jean, and Susan Irene; and brothers, Mark Henry, and John Phillip,

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, Ind.

Funeral services are at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Gas City.

Burial will be in Matthews Cemetery, Matthews, Indiana.

Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.

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Carolyn Lash

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Louise Lash, age 69, of Kendallville, died peacefully with her family around her beside on Monday, May 3, 2010, at her home near Kendallville.

Mrs. Lash

Mrs. Lash was born in Richland Township in DeKalb County, Indiana, on October 14, 1940, to the late Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1959.

She married David M. Lash on October 24, 1964, in Kendallville.

Carolyn has been the bookkeeper and manager of Lash Garage since 1979.

In the past, she worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank, Wagner Insurance and Hower Insurance.

Carolyn was an active member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville.

She helped make the church bulletin for Sunday morning worship and she volunteered many hours with Vacation Bible School in the summertime.

Carolyn was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge of Kendallville and she bowled for many years in the Kendallville Women's Bowling Leagues.

She always was attending all her grandkids sporting events and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Carolyn enjoyed gardening, genealogy, crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include her husband, David Lash of Kendallville; two sons, Lynn and Brenda Lash of Avilla and Jim and Tabatha Lash of Avilla; five grandchildren, Ashley, Aaron, Austin, Nicholas and Lauren Lash, all of Avilla; five brothers, Harold and Barbara DeLong of Auburn, Robert and Janice DeLong of Stroh, LeRoy and Jane DeLong of Auburn, Hugh and Ramonda DeLong of Albion and Paul and Sherri DeLong of Avilla; two sisters, Loretta and Charles Nesbitt of Avilla and Diana Morse of Kendallville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Nancy and Jack Traxler of Avilla, Dora Mae and Norman Hartman of Kendallville, Larry "Butch" Lash and his companion, Linda Hochstetler, both of Kendallville, and Wendy and Kellen Smith of Kendallville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dale DeLong in 2005; a sister-in-law, P. Irene (Fischer) DeLong in 1996; a brother-in-law, Thomas Morse in 1991; and her nephew, Steven DeLong in 1989.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville on S.R. 3 South.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Casketbearers will be Aaron Lash, Jeff Wirick, Rock Blaskie, Heath Smith, Curtis Stetser and John Nesbitt.

Preferred memorials may be made to Harbor of Love Baptist Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 5, 2010, Wednesday

Terina Lyn (Boyd) Abel, 37

Terina Lyn (Boyd) Abel, age 37, of Kendallville died on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in LaGrange on January 11, 1973 to Ben and Twyla (Blaising) Boyd and they survive in Rome City.

Terina graduated in 1991 from Lakeland High School in LaGrange. After graduating from Lakeland she went on to attend the Willma Boyd School of Travel and Business in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania graduating in 1992.

She married Brian Emanuel Abel on November 10, 2007 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. He survives in Kendallville.

Terina was a travel agent for 18 years and worked at several agencies in Fort Wayne including Gruinger Travel, Conference and Travel and Allen Travel. She also worked for Action Travel in Kendallville and Odyssey Travel in Columbia City.

She attended the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Terina was a very devoted and loving mother to her son Braxton and loved to spend time with him and the rest of her family and friends. She also enjoyed gardening and scrapbooking.

Survivors include; husband, Brian Abel of rural Kendallville; son, Braxton Abel at home; parents, Ben and Twyla Boyd of Sylvan Lake, Rome City; brother, Brent Boyd of LaGrange; grandmother, Mary Jane Boyd of LaGrange; mother and father-in-law, Robert and Lindol Abel of Avilla; brother-in-law, Robert Abel of Kendallville; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandparents; Fred and Esther Blaising; paternal grandfather; William Jr. "Bill" Boyd; one uncle, Orland Blaising.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dan Barker and Father Kenneth Sarrazine.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Shaun Boyd, Travis Boyd, Josh Molen, Brian Fortman, Brad Workman and Jim Lash.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, May 5, 2010 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755, Brian DeCamp: 343-8177 Andy David: 318-2712 Office phone: 347-1653.

Betty Jean Smith, 86

Betty Jean Smith, age 86, of Kendallville, died on Friday, April 30, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born in Goshen, Indiana on July 10, 1923 to Chester Boyd Alheim and Laura Irene (Pendroy) Alheim.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1942.

She married Carlyle Vernon Smith in Albion and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Years ago she worked at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville as a nurse's aide.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville. She helped prepare the church bulletin, taught Sunday school, and was the church treasurer for a period of time.

Betty loved being with her family, tending to her flowers, working crossword puzzles in the paper everyday, and being involved in the church.

Survivors include; son, Don Smith of Avilla, son, Timothy Smith of Kendallville; granddaughters, Jennifer Lynn Smith of LaGrange, Betsy Burns of Texas, Mary Debra Verbeck of Texas, Angela Lawson of Texas and Karen Murray of Michigan; great-grandchildren; Corey Watson, Michael Fugate and Talona Fugate.

Brother, Chester Alheim of Goshen; sister, Virginia Smith of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Kaye Rice and brother, Max Alheim.

Memorial services will be at a later date at First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Private burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Brian DeCamp, Funeral Director/Owner, Hite Funeral Home. 260-347-1653 office, 260-343-8177 cell.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 5, 2010, Wednesday

Virgie "Thelma" Caudill, 79

Virgie "Thelma" Caudill, age 79, of Kendallville, went onto her heavenly home on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Caudill was born in Topmost, Kentucky, Knott County, on May 24, 1930 to the late Robert and Arminda (Short) Collins.

She married Maggard Caudill on May 24, 1943 in Pikeville, Kentucky and he preceded her death November 1, 1976.

She was a homemaker and member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

Survivors include; six sons, Woodie and Ethel Caudill of Paintsville, Kentucky, Darel and Martha Caudill of Middlebury, Ralph and Robin Caudill of Kendallville, Talt and Sherry Caudill of Kendallville, Kenneth and Rita Caudill of Pierceton, Amos and Kathy Caudill of LaGrange; seven daughters, Marie and Robert Scoles of Kendallville, Kathy and Jack Hamilton of Huntington, Eunice and Terry Triplett of Angola, Nora Lee and Ronald Hamman of Angola, Mary Helen and Tracy Lynch of Corbin, Kentucky, Bertha "Birdie" and Robert Smith of Ligonier, Ruthann and Kevin Weikart of Pierceton; 26 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her four brothers; Benny, Isadore, C, and Frank Collins.

Visitation was Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Funeral arrangements in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Brian DeCamp, Funeral Director/Owner Hite Funeral Home 260-347-1653, office, 260-343-8177 cell.

Ruth Marie Clark, 90

Ruth Marie Clark, 90, of Ligonier, died on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Clark was born on September 9, 1919 in Kimmell, Indiana to the late Medley and Leona (Galloway) McClure. On April 8th, 1936, in Columbia City she married the late Edgar L. Clark, he preceded her in death on November 2, 1993.

Ruth grew up in Kimmell where she met her husband and had been a resident of Ligonier since 1957. Ruth retired after 20 years of service from Superior Sample in Ligonier and was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church. She loved spending time with her family, reading, sewing, watching television, travelling and eating out.

She is survived by a son, L. Wayne Clark of Ligonier; three daughters, Linda Williams of Hamilton, Indiana, Peggy and Phil Musselman of Ligonier and Cathy and Johnny Alfrey of Wawaka; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents, one son Charles Clark and two sisters, Edith McClure and Helen Fry.

Funeral Services were Friday, April 30th, 2010 at the Ulrey – Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier, Indiana. The Rev. David Kushman of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and Celebrant Larry Baker officiated the funeral service.

Burial followed at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Avalon Village or Parkview Noble Community Hospital Outpatient Services.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 5, 2010, Wednesday

Darrell Von Hicks, 62

Darrell Von Hicks, age 62, of Corunna, died on Friday, April 30, 2010 at his home in Corunna.

Mr. Hicks was born in Porter, Kentucky near the Milton Conley hollar, on January 5, 1948 to the late Harvey and Crystal (Thornsberry) Hicks.

He married Linda Sue Cox on May 19, 1969 in Wise, West Virginia.

He worked at Essex Wire in Kendallville for 32 years before retiring in 2008. Darrell was a dedicated member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville. He loved to be outside, fishing, hunting, gardening and tending to his flowers.

His family and church were the most important things in his life and he enjoyed good music and singing and visiting with people.

Survivors include; his wife, Linda Sue Hicks of Corunna.

Son, Stacy Hicks of Corunna.

Daughter, Serina and Kenneth Lynch of Corunna.

Daughter, Rachel Bidwell of Corunna.

Son, Adam Hicks of Corunna.

Five granddaughters: Brittany Lynch, Katlin Hicks, Ashlie Hicks, Courtney Lynch, and Brooklyn Bidwell.

Four grandsons; Wyatt Hicks, Jesse Hicks, Carson Hicks, and Sedrik Hicks.

Sister, Velma Glee and Rev. Jerry Collins of LaGrange.

Sister, Ruby and Willie Sparkman of Corunna.

Sister, Vessie and Herman Crager of Corunna.

Sister, Margaret Johnson of Michigan.

Sister, Refus and Carl Ashley of Kentucky.

Sister, Margie Hicks of Kentucky.

Brother, Chester Lee "Sonny" and Mavis Hicks of Corunna.

Brother, Joey Hicks of Kentucky.

Brother, Angelo Hicks of Kentucky.

Brother, Charles Hicks of Kentucky.

Brother, Cracker "Jimmy" Hicks of Kentucky.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, William Lee Hicks and Mark "Buddy" Hicks.

Visitation was Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services were Monday, May 2, 2010 at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church with Rev.Charles Mosley officiating the funeral service.

Burial was at Corunna Cemetery following the funeral.

Casketbearers were his two sons, Stacy Hicks and Adam Hicks, Kenneth Lynch, Keith Sparkman, Duane Sparkman, and Jeff Collins.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were by: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

Brian DeCamp: 343-8177, Andy David: 318-2712, Office phone: 347-1653.

Leo J. Teders, 88

Leo J. Teders, 88, of rural Avilla, died peacefully with his family at his bedside on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 9:20 P.M. at the De Kalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Teders had been in declining health for the last 2 years.

Leo was born on January 31, 1924 at his family home in Avilla to the late Joseph and Beatrice (Kreinbrink) Teders. On June 7, 1947 at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla he married Lois M. Fischer. She preceded him in death on March 17, 1988.

He was a lifetime Avilla resident and farmer, he worked for Flint and Walling in Kendallville as a machinist retiring in 1988 after 32 years of service. Leo was known to be Mr. Fix-It. He also enjoyed being around his family, farming and woodworking.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Avilla American Legion Post # 240.

He is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law; Virginia and Roger Dancer, Brenda and Mark Weber, and Beverly and Mike Edwards all of Avilla and Jane and Connie Feist of Columbia City, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Four sisters; Alice Meyer and Theresa (Fyi) Meyer both of Avilla. Henrietta and Bob Harris of La Otto and Lucy and Mike Higginbotham of Wolcottville.

Two brothers; Herman and Harriet Teders of Avilla and Henry and Shirley Teders of Wisconsin.

His wife, parents, a son Dennis Teders and two sisters Mary Ann Fike and Elizabeth "Betty" Teders, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday May 4, 2010 at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Eprpelding officiated.

Burial followed at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

The Rosary was recited at the funeral Home on Monday.

The family requests memorials be directed to Masses, Saint Mary's Catholic School Endowment Fund or Right to Life.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 5, 2010, Wednesday

Carolyn Lash, 69

Carolyn Louise Lash, age 69, of Kendallville, died peacefully with her family around her bedside on Monday, May 3, 2010 at her home near Kendallville.

Mrs. Lash was born in Richland Township in Dekalb County, Indiana on October 14, 1940 to the late Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1959.

She married David M. Lash on October 24, 1964 in Kendallville.

Carolyn has been the bookkeeper and manager of Lash Garage since 1979.

In the past, she worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank, Wagner Insurance, and Hower Insurance.

Carolyn was an active member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville.

She helped make the church bulletin for Sunday morning worship and she volunteered many hours with Vacation Bible School in the summertime.

Carolyn was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge of Kendallville and she bowled for many years in the Kendallville Women's Bowling Leagues.

She always attended all her grandchildrens' sporting events and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Carolyn enjoyed gardening, genealogy, crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include; husband, David Lash of Kendallville; son, Lynn and Brenda Lash of Avilla; son, Jim and Tabatha Lash of Avilla; five grandchildren: Ashley, Aaron, Austin, Nicholas, and Lauren Lash all of Avilla; brother, Harold and Barbara DeLong of Auburn; brother, Robert and Janice DeLong of Stroh; brother, LeRoy and Jane DeLong of Auburn; brother, Hugh and Ramonda DeLong of Albion; brother, Paul and Sherri DeLong of Avilla; sister, Loretta and Charles Nesbitt of Avilla; sister, Diana Morse of Kendallville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Nancy and Jack Traxler of Avilla, Dora Mae and Norman Hartman of Kendallville, Larry "Butch" Lash and his companion, Linda Hochstetler both of Kendallville, and Wendy and Kellen Smith of Kendallville; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dale DeLong in 2005; sister-in-law, P. Irene (Fischer) DeLong in 1996; brother-in-law, Thomas Morse in 1991; and her nephew, Steven DeLong in 1989.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 2:00-8:00 pm at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville on State Road 3 South.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 11:00 am at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Casketbearers will be Aaron Lash, Jeff Wirick, Rock Blaskie, Heath Smith, Curtis Stetser, and John Nesbitt.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Harbor of Love Baptist Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 6, 2010, Thursday

Pauline Gnagy

FREMONT — Pauline U. Gnagy, 87, of Fremont died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Gnagy

She had moved to the Fremont area in 1975. She had formerly lived in Bloomington, Columbia City, La Paz, Butler and in California.

Mrs. Gnagy had retired in 1980 as the cafeteria director at Fremont Community Schools. She had formerly worked at Columbia City Schools and in her younger years she was a beautician.

She was a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

She was born May 4, 1923, in Bloomington to Paul Leet and Fern (May) Lowery. She married George Keith Gnagy on May 4, 1939. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mellodee Syler of Portland, Ore., and Sherree Shilt of Kearney, Mo.; two sons, Dan and Shari Gnagy of Angola and Jon and Robin Gnagy of Angola; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Annetta Minnick of Bloomington and Treva Hendrix of Martinsville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Lowery.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery at Clear Lake near Fremont.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Russell Carper Sr.

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — Retired businessman Russell Eugene Carper Sr., 71, of Crystal River, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Citrus Memorial Hospital's Hospice Care Unit in Inverness, Fla.

He was born Feb.10, 1939, in Garrett, Ind., to Chalmer and Alma Carper.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Marjorie Carper of Crystal River, Fla.; a daughter, Cheri (Brad) King of Kendallville, Ind.; two sons, Russell Carper Jr. of Kendallville, Ind., and Randy (Rebecca) Carper of Carlsbad, Calif.; three sisters, Francis Bright and Karen Carunchia, both of Kendallville, Ind. and Theresa Nash of Fort Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice Care Unit of Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Fla.

Private cremation arrangements are under the care of New Serenity Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Crystal River, Fla.

Gerald Herron

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald E. Herron of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 7, 2010, Friday

Terry Gaar

GARRETT — Terry L. Gaar, age 63 of Garrett, Ind., died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

He was born December 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Lloyd H. and Cleo M. (Bowsman) Gaar and they preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School class of 1965.

He worked at Fort Wayne National Bank in Fort Wayne, Ind., for 11 years and was a Senior Systems Engineer with Verizon Data Services for 25 years, retiring in 2004.

After retirement, he worked part-time for Gary Thrush Farming.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was an avid golfer and a current Garrett City councilman.

He married Margaret "Peggy" Ley on June 22, 1968, in Garrett, Ind., and she survives in Garrett.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Ind., and the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 in Garrett and the Mother Theresa Council of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Gaar of Garrett; a daughter, Julia and Ron Regazzi of Leo; a son, Travis and Christina Gaar of Garrett; his grandchildren, Victoria and Matthew Regazzi of Leo and Connor Gaar of Garrett; his father-in-law, Charles Ley of Garrett; a sister-in-law, Connie Ley of Fort Wayne; and a brother in-law, Joe Ley of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Cleo Gaar; a son, Jeffrey Gaar; and his mother-in-law, Victoria Ley.

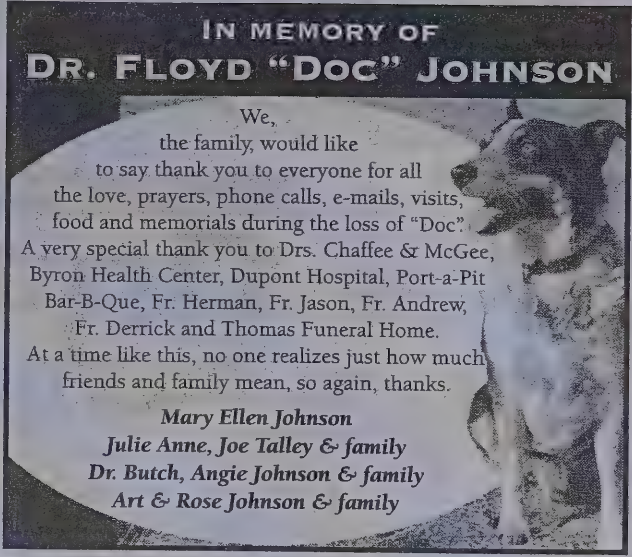
Visitation will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind., with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, May 10, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Burial with follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla, Ind.

Memorials are to Masses, St. Joseph Catholic School or the education fund for his grandchildren.

Send condolences online or sign an online register book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org



IN MEMORY OF

DR. FLOYD "DOC" JOHNSON

We, the family, would like to say thank you to everyone for all the love, prayers, phone calls, e-mails, visits, food and memorials during the loss of "Doc". A very special thank you to Drs. Chaffee & McGee, Byron Health Center, Dupont Hospital, Port-a-Pit Bar-B-Que, Fr. Herman, Fr. Jason, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Derrick and Thomas Funeral Home. At a time like this, no one realizes just how much friends and family mean, so again, thanks.

Mary Ellen Johnson
Julie Anne, Joe Talley & family
Dr. Butch, Angie Johnson & family
Art & Rose Johnson & family

George Haynes

FORT WAYNE — George Haynes, 47, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Haynes was a longtime editor for KPC Media Group Inc.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at the County Line Church of God, Auburn. Time of services will be announced later today.

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May 7, 2010, Friday

Mary Carlisle

CASSOPOLIS, Mich. — Mary V. Carlisle, 77, of Cassopolis died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart, Ind.

Mrs. Carlisle

Mrs. Carlisle was a self-employed seamstress and made draperies.

She was born Aug. 31, 1932, in Scott City, Mo., to Raymond and Ruth (Cummins) Littlepage. She married Harold L. Carlisle on Feb. 25, 1950, in Parma, Mo. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Harold (Karen) Carlisle of Three Rivers, Mich., Ronald (Regina Anglin) Carlisle of Cassopolis, Janet (Michael) Fanning of Howe, Ind., and Conrad Carlisle of Howe, Ind., Theresa Coates of Cassopolis, and Kevin (Aloa) Carlisle of Cassopolis; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Doyle Littlepage of Elkhart and Dale Littlepage of Scott City, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carol Carlisle; a sister, Emagene Kruger; and a brother, Gerald Littlepage.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Connelly Funeral Home, 202 N. Broadway, Cassopolis, with the Rev. David Cripps Sr. Interment will be in Adamsville Cemetery at Adamsville, Mich.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent online to connellyfuneralhome@verizon.net

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Gerald Herron

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald Eugene Herron, 80, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Herron

Mr. Herron was a lifetime area resident. He had earned a degree in Diesel Engine Repair and Refrigeration. He retired in 1991 from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, after 46 years of service as an inspector.

He loved spending time with his family, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He especially enjoyed spending time at the log cabin he built at Royer Lake. He also rescued all stray animals, with a special love for raising orphaned skunks.

He was born September 17, 1929, in LaOtto, to Esta and Beatrice (Reinoehl) Herron. On August 13, 1949, in Kendallville he married Beulah Crager.

Surviving are his wife, Beulah Herron of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Randy Ray of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Natalie Herron of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Christy and Rick Bradley of Huntertown, Michael John Herron and his fiance, Taryn of Kendallville, Sonnie and Eric Lamb of California, John Gabriel Herron of Kendallville, and Kelley Lash of Angola; four great-grandchildren, Peyton Parker of Huntertown, Andrew Morr of Huntertown, Carter Morr of Huntertown, and McKenna Derck of Angola; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Agnes Mead of Kendallville, Dora Shephard of Kendallville, Shirley and Oscar Monroe of Wolcottville, and Sandy and Sam Weimer of Corunna; and a brother, Jim Herron and his fiance, Renae of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Retha Herron; a brother, Charles Herron; and a granddaughter, Sarah Herron.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State S., Kendallville, with Pastor Mike Albaugh officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be today, Friday, May 7, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Benjamin Lockhart

ASHLEY — Benjamin T. Lockhart, 33, died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at his home in Lake City, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

D. Ruth Mote

ANGOLA — D. Ruth Mote, 89, of Angola, Ind., died April 25, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Mote returned to Angola from Boynton Beach, Fla., where she was vice president at the First Federal Bank of Delray Beach, Fla. She had lived in Angola for the past four years.

She was a senior bowling champion and a duplicate bridge professional.

She was born May 9, 1920, in Paulding, Ohio, to William T. and Lenore (Baughman) Hayes. They are deceased.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands Raymond Mote and Ed Jezwinski.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jane Mote of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Rae Ann and Tom Hoffman of Louisville, Ky.; and three grandchildren, Dr. Andrew Hoffman, Anne Ivey and Jessica Conrad.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Cameron Woods in Angola, Ind., with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Joseph Wineland

AVILLA — Joseph B. Wineland, age 83, died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 3:40 p.m. at his home in Avilla.

He was born in Garrett, Indiana, on December 12, 1926, and was the son of Burr and Anna Earle (Bass) Wineland. He married Rita Koenig on October 16, 1949, in Auburn. They came to the Avilla area in 1961 from DeKalb County.

Mr. Wineland was a final repairman in Department 42 at International Harvester, and retired from there in October of 1982 after more than 35 years of service.

He was also a part-time farmer, and was an avid sports fan. The Chicago Bears, the Cubs and Indiana University basketball being his favorite teams. He also loved to work outdoors.

Mr. Wineland was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rita Wineland of Avilla; his children, twins, Larry (Cindy) Wineland of Avilla, and Sharon Horton of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Melanie (Paul) Strack of Monroeville, Indiana, Fred Wineland of Columbia City, and Steven (Dianne) Wineland of Avilla; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, June Wineland of Kendallville.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bill Wineland; and two sisters, Evelyn Sayer and Roberta Warber.

A memorial service for Mr. Wineland will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Pastor Thomas Dunbar will officiate.

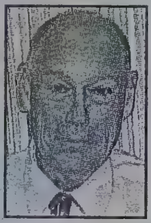
Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Cremation will take place after the visitation.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Joseph Wineland to the Immanuel Lutheran Church building fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 8, 2010, Saturday

Brazzell dead at 57

ALBION — Avilla fire chief and former Noble County coroner Terry Brazzell of Albion died Friday morning. He was 57.


Brazzell

Brazzell was owner of Brazzell Family Funeral Homes, which he purchased from his parents in 1992. Brazzell Family Funeral Homes has locations in Avilla and Albion.

Brazzell joined the Avilla Fire Department in 1977 and was elected fire chief for the first time in 1979. In all, he served as fire chief for 23 years, and had been in that post since 2000.

In May 1985, Brazzell was the first volunteer firefighter to receive the Governor's Award for rescuing two civilians and a fellow firefighter from a burning structure.

Brazzell served as Noble County coroner from 1993-2000, serving out the state's term limit of two consecutive terms. His son, John, stepped into the office in 2000, and Terry Brazzell served as chief deputy coroner until 2004.

Terry Brazzell was born in Washington, D.C.; his family moved to Avilla in 1955. He attended Avilla Junior High School before the family moved to Albion, where he graduated from Central Noble High School. He married his wife, Jeanie, in September 1972. They have two children.

Terry Brazzell

ALBION — Albion and Avilla funeral director Terry Brazzell, 57, died Friday, May 7, 2010, at his residence in Albion.

He was the Avilla Fire Chief, a former two-term Noble County Coroner and owner of the Brazzell Funeral Homes in Albion and Avilla.

Arrangements are currently pending at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

The Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is assisting the Brazzell family with arrangements.

To view the full obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Merle Paul

CHURUBUSCO — Merle A. Paul, 86 of Roann and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, May 6, 2010, at her home.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Paquita Kurtz

KENDALLVILLE — Paquita Kurtz of Kendallville died Friday, May 7, 2010, in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel.

Benjamin Lockhart

ASHLEY — Benjamin T. Lockhart, 33, of Lake City, Fla., died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Lockhart was a 1995 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

He was born Oct. 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne to Alan D. and Patty A. (Whitt) Lockhart.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Patty A. and Alan E. Singleton of Lake City, Fla.; his father and stepmother, Alan D. and Brenda K. Lockhart of Ashley; a brother and sister-in-law, Daniel A. and Stacy Lockhart of Pittsburg, Pa.; a stepbrother, Trevor B. Gerring of Chicago; two newphews, Devin and Tanin Lockhart; his grandparents, Richard D. and Lois Jean Lockhart of Ashley; and his stepgrandmother, Amada M. Tubbs of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Bryan L. Lockhart on Oct. 31, 1976; a grandmother, Velma M. Lockhart; and his grandparents, Birt and Osie Whitt.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Eric Piersimoni officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 8, 2010, Saturday

George Haynes

FORT WAYNE — George S. Haynes, 47, went home to be with the Lord on May 5, 2010, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Haynes

Born in Fort Wayne on August 27, 1962, George graduated from Elmhurst High School and IPFW earning a Bachelor's Degree in communications.

George began his employment career as a proud employee of the last independent pharmacy in Fort Wayne, Bauchbaum Drug Store on State Street. He was a courier for the pharmacy.

George had been employed by KPC Media Group/Kendallville News Sun for 24 years, most recently as night editor. He was an award-winning headline writer.

He attended County Line Church of God in Auburn, where he was active in the Youth Program, was a Sunday school teacher, a small group leader and was a mission's trip volunteer.

"George was a loving husband, father and friend, well loved by all who had the privilege to know him."

He was a bicycle enthusiast, enjoyed vacationing with his family, hiking at Turkey Run State Park, listening to the old WOWO Little Red Barn program and was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife, Carol, and their two sons, Michael, at Anderson University, and Matthew, at Northrop High School; his mother, Harriet, of Fort Wayne; and brothers, Gary, of Bluffton and Victor (Sandy) of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor Haynes Sr. and sister, Peggy Klepper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at County Line Church of God, 7726 N. County Line Road, Auburn, Ind., with calling one hour prior to service at the church. Pastor Stuart Kruse and Pastor Dane Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

Preferred memorials to the Education Fund for Michael and Matthew.

Alpha McCormick

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alpha Elizabeth "Betty" McCormick, 89, of Manassas, Va., died Saturday, April 24, 2010, in Manassas.

She had lived moved to Virginia in 1996 from Wolcottville.

Mrs. McCormick had worked at Indiana University as a secretary in the Psychology Department. She also worked as a teacher's aide in special ed and as a substitute teacher in several local school districts for more than 25 years.

She was born March 16, 1921, in Bloomington to Henry E. and Alpha Blanche (McCaughan) Moore. She married John Franklin McCormick on Aug. 8, 1942, in Urbana, Ill. He preceded her in death on April 24, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and their spouses, Mary Ann and Paul Woolerton of Manassas, Va., and Patricia and Tom McCormick of Centreville, Va.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Evelyn Wampler of Bloomington; and a brother, James Moore of Blacksburg, Va.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ferris McCormick.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Wolcottville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Ada Roberson

AUBURN — Ada Lee Roberson, 92, of Auburn died Friday, May 7, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 20, 1918 in Rockwood, Tenn., to Thomas O. and Flo T. (Tindill) King.

Mrs. Roberson

Mrs. Roberson attended Johnson City Business College in Johnson City, Tenn. She worked for the Farm Security Administration then as secretary to the director of Ridgeview Convalescing Center in Fort Wright, Ky. until her retirement in 1983. After her retirement she moved from Fort Wright to Stark, Fla., then in 1987 she moved to Auburn. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, Women's Circle of the church, Auburn Garden Club, Entre Nous Club of Auburn and Bridge Club of Hamilton.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-aw, Linda L. and Jedd Copenhaver of Auburn; daughter-in-law, Ruth T. Roberson (John Lindle) of Edgewood, Ky.; five grandchildren, Pam (Galen) Anspaugh, Debbie (Mark) Sager, Matthew (Amy) Roberson, Paul Copenhaver and his fiance Ann and Patrick (Kelly) Roberson; nine great-grandchildren, Alex Yarian, Sam Yarian, Levi Copenhaver, Brooke Copenhaver, Julia Sager, Sawyer Roberson, Carter Roberson, Reece Roberson and Ellie Roberson; brother and two sisters-in-law, Robert and Jean King of Keystone Heights, Fla. and Wilma King of Newport Richey, Fla. and several nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, A. Clayton Roberson Sr.; son, A. Clayton Roberson Jr. and three brothers, James S. King, Thomas O. King Jr. and Charles F. King.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Rev. Wilbur Yates and Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is noon-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Serving as pall bearers will be Paul Copenhaver, Pat Roberson, Matthew Roberson, Galen Anspaugh, Mark Sager, Alex Yarian, Sam Yarian and Levi Copenhaver. Memorials can be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Zachary Hundagen

AUBURN — Zachary Michael Hundagen, 30, of Auburn died Friday May 7, 2010 at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He was born July 29, 1979 in Auburn to Peter M and Deborah (Ritenour) Hundagen. His father preceded him in death in 1999.

Zach was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He is survived by his mother, Deborah Hundagen of Auburn; two sisters, Sarah Hundagen and Laura Hundagen, both of Indianapolis; grandparents, Norman and Phyllis Ritenour of Pleasant Lake; two uncles, Jeff Ritenour and Kim Charleston both of Pleasant Lake; and two cousins, Joe Charleston of Phoenix, Ariz. and Cecile Buchanan of Fort Wayne.

Services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Calling is Monday, 4-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter

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John Evans

HAMILTON — John W. Evans, 71, died Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Evans

He was born on July 12, 1938 in Westport to Ren and Bertie Mae (Clemens) Evans.

Mr. Evans served in the U.S. Army and was a retired truck driver for Evans Equipment in Butler.

He married Maxine Quick on Aug. 31, 1962 in Virginia. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Henry Gingerich of Bronson, Mich., Pamela Swander of Fremont, Cindy Evans and Jackie and John Burris, all of Hamilton; two brothers, Elbert Evans of Butler and Floyd Evans of North Vernon; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Albert Evans and Charles Evans.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at H. E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, Pastor Stan Hamman officiating. Calling is Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Virginia Spellman

ALBION — Virginia Trein Spellman, 88, died Friday, April 30, 2010 at her home in Albion after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Spellman

She was born Nov. 17, 1921 in Indiana to to the late Freda Parcell and Edward F. Smith. She married Harold Spellman on Jan. 3, 1962. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Spellman was a retired resturant owner and also worked as a tour guide for Gene Stratton-Porter's Historical Site near Rome City.

Surviving are a daughter and a son-in-law Sonja "Sonny" and Rudy Colden of Cromwell; nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anita Moore of Columbus, Ohio and Delores Fraley of South Dakota; a brother, Ronald Smith of North Carolina; and a half sister, Sandra Parskley of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet "Suzie" Yumet, in 1997, and a granddaughter, Kimberly Sue Patches, in 2008.

Cremation has taken place. Burial of ashes will be held at a later date at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 3 p.m. at the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Site near Rome City.

To the view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Donald Tilbury

ANGOLA — Donald W. Tilbury, 78, of Angola, died at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010 at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Tilbury

He was born in Allen County to the late Mervin and Nellie Campbell Tilbury on July 4, 1931. He married Beverly J. Benninghoff on July 9, 1955 in Salem Center.

Mr. Tilbury graduated from Salem Center High School and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired carpenter and member of Flint United Methodist Church and Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tena and Dan Dossett and Ronda and Don Walter, all of Angola, and Ina and Dick Crist of Bryan, Ohio; a half sister, Doris Huddleston of Ocala, Fla.; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers Paul Tilbury, Ervin Tilbury, Herbert Tilbury, Raymond Tilbury and Bud Gratts, and a sister, Margaret DeHaven.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with pastor Jerry Machgan officiating. Burial will follow in Flint Cemetery with the Orland American Legion Post conducting military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday, 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

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Jean Dunne

BIG LONG LAKE — Jean Ann Dunne, 69, of Big Long Lake, died on Friday, May 7, 2010 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dunne was born in Fort Wayne on July 26, 1940 to Ralph and Alfreda Frances (Schmitt) West.

She attended Northside High School and married Richard J. Dunne on July 15, 1958 at the St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dunne

She was employed for 20 years by Asphalt Drum Mixers of Huntertown and worked in the international sales department, retiring in October 2001. She also worked many years at the Fort Wayne License Branch on Berry Street.

Jean and Dick were part owners of the Dari-Twist on St. Joe Road in Fort Wayne for many years. Together they enjoyed the lake life and boating on Big Long Lake and at Palm Harbor, Fla.

Jean was a member of several women's bowling leagues both in the Fort Wayne/Leo area and in Palm Harbor. She was an avid NASCAR and Notre Dame fan and she enjoyed sewing, quilting and crafting.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, of Fort Wayne; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Dan Newell of Lake Of The Woods, Hudson; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Stephenie Dunne of Big Long Lake and Todd Dunne of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Michael and Emily Dunne and Grace Newell; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Thomas and Linda West of Albion, and Kevin West of Fort Wayne; four sisters and three brother-in-laws, Darlene and Jim Kesler and Karen and Ken Hite, all of Albion, Cheryl Winterwest of Westler Lake and Phyllis and John Hinen of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Jacqueline L. Wisniewski of Grabill; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Wayne West.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Chaplain Mike Smith of Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Calling is Tuesday, 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Fr. Jim Miller will lead a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Casketbearers will be Tom West, Kevin West, John Hinen, Mark Phillips, Jerry Hall and Dan Figel. Honorary bearers will be Terry Fosnaugh, Ernie Lawson and Tom Hudson.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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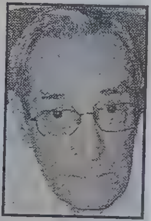
William Maguire

FORT WAYNE — William "Bill" J. Maguire passed away at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne on May 2, 2010, from esophageal cancer. He was 86 years old.

A resident of Fremont for over 30 years, Bill was born in Dublin, Ireland, on March 7, 1924. He immigrated to Chicago in 1946 where he met his future wife, Jeannie Foulk, from Edgerton, Ohio, who survives him.

After serving in the Korean conflict, Mr. Maguire joined the Indiana Carpenters Union and enjoyed a successful career as a construction superintendent with WA Sheets Company.

He retired in 1986 after which he and Jeannie traveled extensively in the U.S. southwest.



Mr. Maguire

Bill had two sons, Danny and Patrick (deceased). He leaves behind four grandchildren, Laura, Melody, Jeremy and Sadie, and seven great-grandchildren.

A private gathering will be held to celebrate Bill's life.

Friends who wish to make a donation in William Maguire's memory may contact the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home at (260) 435-3222 or www.vnhh.org.

The Cremation Society of Illinois (773) 281-5058 in Chicago is in charge of arrangements.

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Merle Paul

ROANN — Merle A. Paul, 86, of Roann, formerly of rural Churubusco, died unexpectedly on Thursday morning, May 6, 2010, at her home in Miami County.

Mrs. Paul

She was born on Feb. 13, 1924 in Akron to Granvil E. and Esther G. (Harris) Dawson. She married Anthony P. "Tony" Paul in Woodburn on Aug. 30, 1947. He preceded her in death on July 29, 2001.

The Pauls spent the early years of their marriage in Pulaski County and moved from Crooked Lake to rural Allen County near Ari in 1987. Following her husband's death, she moved to her home near Roann.

Mrs. Paul worked at the former Allen County Children's Home. She also did child care in her home for many years, and later was employed in the clothing department at Wal-Mart in Kendallville for four years.

Survivors include her three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry D. and Linda Paul of Mount Airy, Md., Terry and Kay Paul of Roann and Garry and Judy Paul of Avilla; a sister, Marjorie Leininger of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Calvin Dawson, Donald Dawson and Max Dawson; and two sisters, Katie Williams and June Nelson.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. on Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Alvin Beggs officiating. Entombment will be in the St. Paul Mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. on Monday, or one hour prior to the service Tuesday morning.

Memorials may be directed to Riley Hospital For Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis IN 46202.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Paul's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Richard Hinton

NORTH WEBSTER — Richard D. "Dick" Hinton, 84, of North Webster, died Friday, May 7, 2010, at Mason Health and Rehab in Warsaw.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the North Webster Church of God, 301 N. Main St., North Webster, with Pastor Dennis Judy of the church officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse, handled arrangements.

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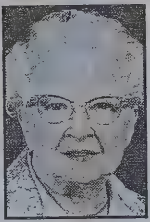
Paquita Kurtz

KENDALLVILLE — Paquita M. "Pat" Kurtz, 95, a lifelong resident of Kendallville, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 7, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kurtz graduated at the top of her class from Kendallville High School. She and her husband, Wade, owned and operated a popcorn stand located at the corner of Mitchell and Main Streets in Kendallville. She was manager of Rimmel's Hat Shop and worked at Swartzlander's Jewelry Store, both in Kendallville.


Mrs. Kurtz

She was very active in the community. She was a member of the Professional Business Women's Association in Kendallville, where she was awarded the Business Woman of the Year for 2000-2001. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Kendallville VFW and the American Legion Auxiliary in Kendallville. She was a lifelong member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, where she was involved in numerous church activities.

She was an avid bridge and euchre player, enjoyed bingo and loved to crochet.

She was born Dec. 23, 1914, in Kendallville to Orrie and Mary (Lash) Ihrie. On Jan. 27, 1940, in Kendallville, she married Wade Kurtz.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James Wade and Drenda Kurtz of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Paula and Bob Kennedy of Fort Wayne and Todd Kurtz of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Kennedy, Caleb Kurtz and Noah Kurtz; a sister, Theresia Aumsbaugh of Churubusco; and a brother, Devon Ihrie and companion Flo Glick of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 10, 1967; two sisters, Eileen Krull and Amy Gongwer; and a brother, Don Ihrie.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father Jim Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearer will be John Baker. Active casketbearers will be Todd Kurtz, Mike Ihrie, Dan Ihrie, Steve Ihrie, Weldon Cline and Randy Aumsbaugh.

Calling will be Tuesday, 3-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville where there will be a prayer vigil at 6:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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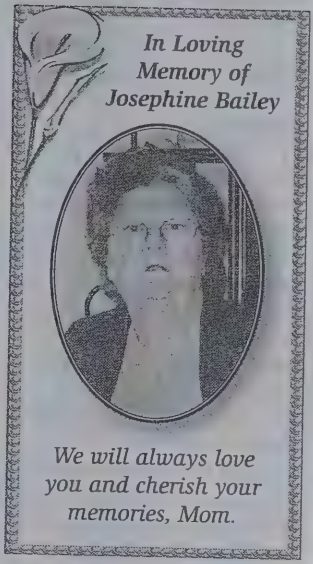
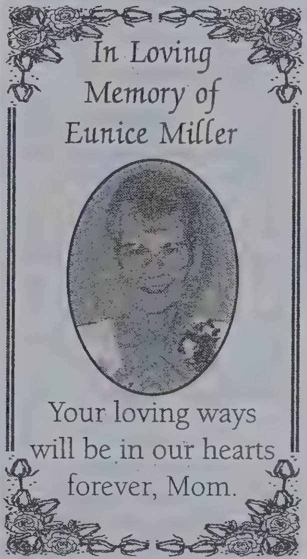

In Loving Memory of Josephine Bailey

We will always love you and cherish your memories, Mom.


In Loving Memory of Eunice Miller

Your loving ways will be in our hearts forever, Mom.

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Terry Brazzell

ALBION — Terry L. Brazzell, 57, died Friday, May 7,2010 at 8 a.m. at his home in Albion.

Terry was born on May 30, 1952 in Washington D.C to John M. & Janet J. (Hyde) Brazzell.

He graduated from Central Noble High School in 1970 then went on to graduate from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1971. He served his apprenticeship at the Johnson Funeral Home in Plymouth, Indiana, and in 1977 returned to Avilla where he and his wife Jeanie purchased The Brazzell Funeral Home. In 1992 they purchased the Albion Chapel, and have owned them ever since. He and his wife built the first ground-up funeral homes in Noble County.

Mr. Brazzell

He served as the Noble County Coroner from 1992 until 2000, and Chief Deputy under his son John from 2000 to 2004. He was a proud, dedicated member of the Avilla Fire Department for over 35 years, elected to Fire Chief in 1979 and serving until 1990, and then from 1993 to 1996, and then served full-time from 2000 to present. He also served as the assistant fire chief for several years.

During his many years on the fire department, Terry was instrumental in many programs and projects with the department such as the purchase of state-of-the-art extrication equipment, new fire trucks, state-of-the-art turn-out gear and airpacks and the new fire station built in 1988, which was his ultimate goal and a blessing to the community. He was also the first fire chief to implement a training program and he held all the master firefighter catagories the state offered. Terry was known statewide and nationwide for his extreme dedication and knowledge he brought to the fire service.

In 1985 he was the first firefighter in the state of Indiana awarded the medal of valor by Gov. Robert Orr for saving the lives of three children and one firefighter in a May 1984 house fire in Avilla. The medal of valor is the highest award a firefighter may receive for bravery and very few of these awards have been issued out. In 1986, Terry was Indiana Fire Instructor of the Year and in 1990 was awarded Indiana Firefighter of the Year. Terry was the Indiana Firefighter Instructors Association Volunteer director and 219 representative for many years. Terry was demonstrative in bringing 911 emergency services to Noble County and was later appointed to the Enhanced E-911 Board as representive to the Noble County Fire Chiefs.

Terry was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, both the Albion Masonic Lodge F & AM No. 97 and the Avilla Masonic Lodge F & AM No. 460, The Noble Chapter No. 122 of the Order of the Eastern Star, The Avilla American Legion Post No. 240 SAL and a former member of the Albion Rotary Club.

In 2009, along with his son John, he was appointed a Kentucky Colonel, which is the highest civilian honor in the State of Kentucky.

On Sept. 8, 1972, he married Jeanie (Burtch) Brazzell at the Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion; she survives in Albion.

Terry was a loyal family man and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He served his community for many years and various positions and was always quick to lend a helping hand to someone. Terry loved talking and joking with people and had a special way of making you feel good even under the worse times. Terry was a one of a kind guy.

Terry was an avid gun and knife collector and loved to read.

He is also survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer J. and Matt Getts of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, John A. and Megan Brazzell of Avilla; and three grandchildren, Jacob and Natalie Getts of Kendallville and J. Aaron Brazzell II of Avilla; his father, John M. Brazzell of Auburn; one sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Michael Beckage of Carmel; one niece, Nicole Beckage of Bloomington; and many friends that were dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janet J. Brazzell, on March 16, 1996; his special aunt and uncle, Bud and Doris Brazzell; and his beloved Labrador, Katie Layla.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla.

The Rev. James Archambeault, Chaplin of the Kendallville Police Department will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

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Calling will be on Tuesday, 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be conducted at 8 p.m. by the Albion and Avilla Masonic Lodges.

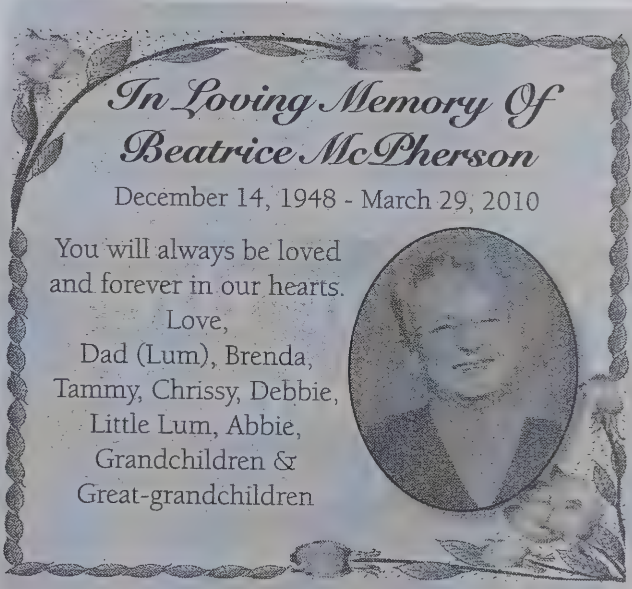
Active pallbearers will be Kendallville Fire Chief Mike Riehm, Angola Fire Chief Mike Meek, former Albion Fire Chief Gregg Gorsuch, former Orange Township Fire Chief George Wolfe, Albion firefighter Mitch Fiandt and Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills.

Honorary pallbearers will be Avilla 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Duehmig, Avilla Fire Department Medical Officer Roger Dancer, Avilla Fire Department Battalion Chief Richard Hippenhammer, Avilla firefighter Jordan Duehmig, former Albion Fire Chief Bob Beckley and Noble County Emergency Management Director Mick Newton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Noble County Humane Shelter, the Avilla Fire Department or The Order of Kentucky Colonels.

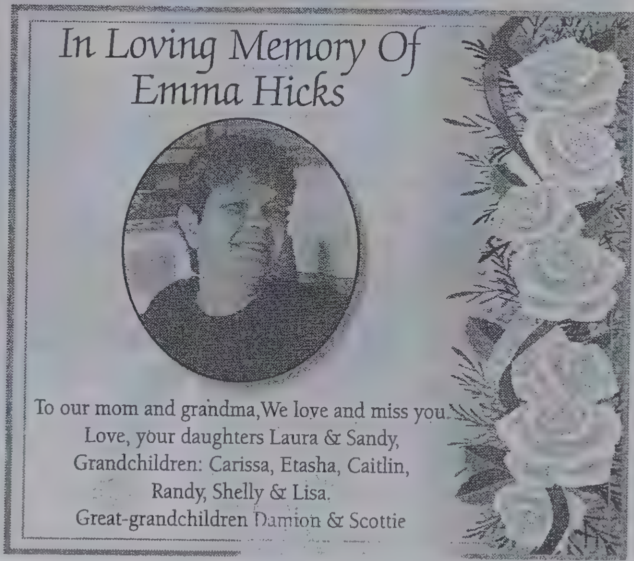
To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

The Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is assisting the Brazzell Family



In Loving Memory Of
Beatrice McPherson
December 14, 1948 - March 29, 2010

You will always be loved
and forever in our hearts.
Love,
Dad (Lum), Brenda,
Tammy, Chrissy, Debbie,
Little Lum, Abbie,
Grandchildren &
Great-grandchildren



In Loving Memory Of
Emma Hicks

To our mom and grandma, We love and miss you.
Love, your daughters Laura & Sandy,
Grandchildren: Carissa, Etasha, Caitlin,
Randy, Shelly & Lisa.
Great-grandchildren Damion & Scottie

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In
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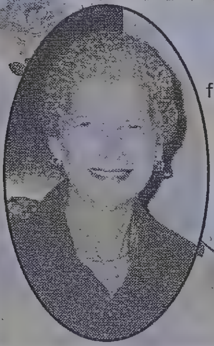
Helen Bloomer



There is not a day gone by that we haven't forgotten you. With every day comes tears.

Love You Mom,
Donna, Ruby,
Billie & Shirley

In Loving Memory of Hazel W. King

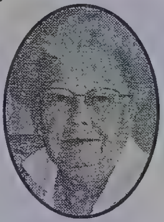
Missing you everyday.
Happy Mother's Day!
Love you bunches!
Your children, BFF

In Loving Memory of our Mother Betty Haynes

We miss you dearly and will always remember what a special and loving Mother and Wife you were to us, you will be in our hearts forever!

Love,
Husband, Children
and Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of Laura Rosenbury



We will always remember how special you made our lives.
Love,
Your Family

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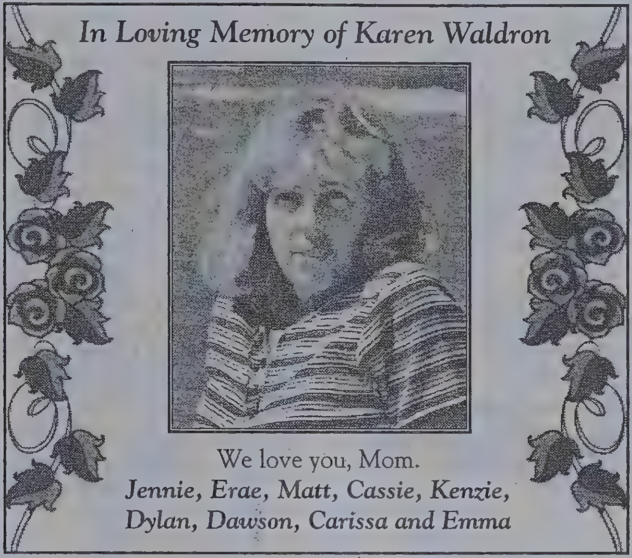

In Loving Memory of Karen Waldron

We love you, Mom.
Jennie, Erae, Matt, Cassie, Kenzie,
Dylan, Dawson, Carissa and Emma

In Loving Memory Of Our
Beloved Mother & Wife

Carolyn Leighton

If tears could build a
stairway and memories
a lane, we would walk
right up to heaven and
bring you home again.

Happy Mother's Day,
Your Husband
& Children

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Mayola Walter

BUTLER — Mayola Walter, 91, of Butler died Sunday May 9, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler. Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Pedestrian struck, killed by train

BY BOB BUTTGEN
bbuttgen@kpcnews.net

LIGONIER — An unidentified female was killed after being hit by a train late Sunday night in Ligonier.

The accident took place at about 10:15 p.m. on the railroad tracks just east of the downtown area, according to Shawn Cox, a Ligonier firefighter who was handling telephone and radio traffic at the fire station following the accident.

Several law enforcement officers and firefighters were at the scene of the accident, which was at the Pigeon St. crossing. That crossing is closed to vehicles but is used as a walking route between the city's north side and the downtown area.

The Noble County Coroner's office was also summoned to the scene, according to Cox.

Additional details were not available as The News Sun went to press Sunday night.

More details will be on the kpcnews.com Web site today.

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Woman killed by train ID'd

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LIGONIER — Authorities have identified the woman who was killed Sunday night when she was struck by an Amtrak passenger train in Ligonier.

Police identified the victim as Deborah Lynn Smith, 52, of Ligonier.

Witnesses at the scene told police Smith was attempting to cross the tracks with her dog when both she and the dog were struck by the train. The animal was also killed. A man walking with Smith witnessed the incident.

According to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff, Smith died of massive blunt force trauma. He has ruled her death to be an accident.

The incident took place just after 10 p.m. on the railroad tracks just east of the downtown area and near Pigeon Street, according to Detective Gary Cox of the Ligonier Police Department. There is no crossing marked for the area.

The train involved was an eastbound Amtrak passenger train traveling on a Norfolk Southern Railroad track.

Several law enforcement officers and firefighters responded to scene of the accident. The Noble County Coroner's office was also summoned to the scene. Officials were at the site for several hours.

Assisting the Ligonier Police were officers from the Ligonier Fire Department, Noble County EMS, Noble County Sheriff's Department and Norfolk Southern Railroad Police.

Judith McKinley

ANGOLA — Judith Ann McKinley, 68, of Angola died Monday, May 10, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Vera Manning

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Vera Mae Manning, 85, of Montgomery died Sunday, May 9, 2010, at County Meadows at Montgomery.

Mrs. Manning was retired from Crotty Corporation in Quincy and Montgomery, Mich., and had worked for the Richard Brothers Munitions Factory during World War II.

She had attended Orland, Ind., schools.

Mrs. Manning

Prior to living at County Meadows, she had lived in Montgomery until 1973 and then moved to Quincy. She had lived in Lansing, Mich., since 2008.

Mrs. Manning enjoyed knitting and bowling and loved all sports and animals. She was a Detroit Tigers fan and had a green thumb.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Orland, Ind., to Melvin and Emily (McMullen) Starrett. She married Edward Arthur Manning and he preceded in death in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Emiley Guise of Aurora, Colo.; three sons, Jim Manning of Spring, Texas, Bill and Cheryl Manning of Montgomery, Mich., and Mel and Kim Manning of Eagle, Mich.; five grandchildren, Amanda, Melissa, Kelly, Matthew and Michelle; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Almon, Vernon and Herbert Starrett; two sisters, Vernice Keith and Mabel Kelly; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, Ind., with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Memorials are to the Sparrow Hospice in Lansing, Mich., or the Humane Society of Branch County, Quincy, Mich.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Claude Corson

ELKHART — Claude Edward Corson, 80, died at 3 p.m. at his home on Sunday, May 9, 2010

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main S., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Boys and Girls Club of Middlebury or Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lillian Hill

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lillian Grace "Lilly" Hill, 8 months and 7 days old of Wolcottville died Monday, May 10, 2010, in her residence following an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 3, 2009, in Kendallville to Kent Charles and Jennifer Lynn (Allen) Hill.

Lillian Hill

Surviving are her maternal grandparents, Rex and Donna Allen of Kendallville; her paternal grandparents, Chuck and Joy Hill of Wolcottville; her maternal great-grandmother, Minnie Friskney of Kendallville; and her paternal great-grandmothers, Evelyn Hill of Wolcottville and Stella Green of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandparents, Keith and Carolyn Mendenhall and Ray Friskney; and paternal great-grandfathers, Leon Hill and George Green.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Grace Christian Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute after Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Carol Coe

ROME CITY — Carol J. Coe, 77, of Rome City, died Saturday, May 8, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Coe

She had moved to Rome City in 1983 from Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coe worked for Target and then for Harris-Kayot in Fort Wayne from 1983-2000.

She was a member of the Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange and she sang in the church choir. She volunteered at Parkview Noble and LaGrange hospitals.

Mrs. Coe was also a member of the Red Hat Society and a member of RSVP.

She was born on March 17, 1933, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Aubrey E. and Gladys S. (Cress) Berger. She married Oscar Coe in Hoagland, Ind., on Dece. 22, 1971. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Penny Scherrer of Auburn, Ind., Jeri Sue and Wayne Wigner of Topeka, Ind., and Deborah and Frank Milligan of Hoagland, Ind.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael and Ganne Allen of Alamogordo, N.M.; Doyle Allen of Marshall, Mich.,; James and Christine Coe and Todd and Bridgett Coe, all of Rome City, Ind; one stepdaughter and her husband, Vickie and Harry James of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two stepsons and their wives, Kenneth and Karen Coe of Hoagland, Ind., and Glenn and Rosemary Coe of Rome City, Ind., 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Wagner of Plant City, Fla.; and three brothers, James Berger of Fort Wayne, Ind., Jerry Berger of Columbia City, Ind., and Robert Berger of Great Falls, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a stepson, Terry Coe.

Private family memorial services will take place and there will be a burial at Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City, at a later date.

Memorials may be contributed to the Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

Mayola Walter

BUTLER — Mayola Walter, 91, died Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She owned and operated the 113 Restaurant in Auburn for eight years and also Walter's Catering Service for 20 years.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and the Ladies Circle of the church.

Mrs. Walter was a former member and treasurer of the Greater Republican Club of Ocala, Fla.

She was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Wilmington Township in DeKalb County to Frank and Goldie (Harter) Ginder. She married Dale Walter Sept. 14, 1935, in Newville and he died March 10, 1997.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Lou and Bill Farmer of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-laws, Burmell and Jean Walter of Nappanee, Burgess and Kathy Walter of Ocala, Fla., Morris and Jo Walter of Fortville, Ind., and Ron Walter of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Fred Fry of Alamo, Texas; and a siser-in-law, Mary Lou Ginder of Butler; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Earl and Robert Ginder; and a grandson, Steve Farmer.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler with the Rev. Mike Halferty officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials can be directed to the Steve Farmer Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Paul Moffett

FREMONT — Paul L. Moffett, 86, of Fremont died Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Moffett had retired in 1985 from ILC in Fremont, Ind.. He had formerly worked at the Fremont Sawmill and transported logs for David R. Webb.

Mr. Moffett

Following his retirement, he held several part-time jobs; working for Sullins House in Fremont as a delivery man and over the years had worked for Ike Mundy's Gas Station and Gays Party Store.

He was a 1941 graduate of Edon High School in Edon, Ohio, and a World War II Army veteran.

Mr. Moffett was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 423.

He enjoyed roller skating and watching stock car racing and was a NASCAR and ARCA racing fan. He had traveled to all the Midwest race tracks and to tracks all over the country.

Mr. Moffett enjoyed gardening and always had a large garden of vegetables and flowers. He also enjoyed going for car rides and traveling.

He was born June 12, 1923, in Mongo, Ind., to LaVern and Mildred Mae (Watkins) Moffett. He first married Dorothy Nihart and she preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 1957. He then married Donna J. Rogers on August 29, 1958, in Fremont, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Judy and Pat Kelley of Northwood, Ohio; a son, James and Phyllis Moffett of Fremont, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Linda and Rick Peerboom of St. Petersburg, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery at Fremont with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont Cemetery at Fremont, Ind.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

David Franks

TALBOTT, Tenn. — David Eric Franks, 50, of Talbott died Sunday, May 3, 2010, in Kingsport, Tenn.

He was a well-known music instructor.

Mr. Franks was a member of Masonic Lodge 231.

He is survived by his parents, David J. and Norma L. Franks; a daughter, Tiffany Nicole Franks of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a brother, Steven D. Franks; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown, Tenn.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 13, at Bethesda Cemetery. Calling will be from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, prior to the service at the funeral home. The family may be reached at the home of David and Norma Franks at 423-736-5578.

Arrangements are by Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown, Tenn.

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Former Garrett mayor dies

GARRETT — Marcella M. Zerns Clabaugh, 87, of Garrett, died early Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Facility, Defiance, Ohio.

She was a former mayor of the City of Garrett.

Arrangements are pending with the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio.

Visitation will take place at the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

William Starner

WILMINGTON, N.C. — William "Bill" Starner, 73, died May 8, 2010.

Mr. Starner had also lived in Warsaw while working for Dalton Foundry and in Chattanooga, Tenn., working for Wheland Foundry. He had retired from Wheland Foundry.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School, Tri State College and Xavier University.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; his children, Ed Starner and Amy Jo (Tim) Goon; his stepchildren, Amy (Mark) Seitz and Joel (Julie) Bales; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chet and Helen Starner, and his sister, Jean.

A memorial will be held on Lake Tippecanoe later this month.

Send flowers to living loved ones or make donations to the Nature Conservancy.

Wilmington Burial and Cremation Service in Wilmington is in charge of arrangements.

Judith McKinley

ANGOLA — Judith Ann McKinley, 68, of Angola died Monday, May 10, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McKinley was retired. She had worked as a cashier at Scott's Grocery and at the Holsum Bakery Thrift Store.

She was born Dec. 13, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Kenneth and Florence (Hester) Bly.

Mrs. McKinley

Surviving are a son, Mark McKinley and his partner Kevin Hough of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Robyn and Justin German of Angola; three brothers, Kenneth and Pat Bly of Fort Wayne, Jon Michael Bly of Angola and James and Sandy Bly of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Vicki and James Witte of Fort Wayne and Barbara Garrette of Fredericksburg, Va.; and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, David Bly.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Donald E. Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Sign a guest book at www.weicthfh.com

Deborah Smith

LIGONIER — Deborah Lynn "Debbie" Smith, 52, of Ligonier died Sunday, May 9, 2010, from injuries in an accident.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Clear Creek Baptist Church in Clear Creek, Ky. Burial will be in Singleton Cemetery in Clear Creek.

Calling will be from 7-9 p.m. at Clear Creek Baptist Church in Clear Creek.

Memorials are to the family.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Bertha Asztalos

COLDWATER, Mich. — Bertha A. Asztalos, 82, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, May 10, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Funeral services will be at a later date.

Burial will be in Whitehouse Cemetery, Waterville Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

James Watkins

FORT WAYNE — James P. Watkins, 68, of Fort Wayne died Friday, May 7, 2010, at his home.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory in Van Wert, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

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Terry L. Brazzell, 57

Terry L. Brazzell, age 57, died Friday, May 7, 2010 at 8:00 A.M. at his home in Albion. Terry was born on May 30, 1952 in Washington D.C to John M. & Janet J. (Hyde) Brazzell.

He graduated from Central Noble High School in 1970 then went on to graduate from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1971. He served his apprenticeship at the Johnson Funeral Home in Plymouth, Indiana, and in 1977 returned to Avilla where he and his wife Jeanie purchased The Brazzell Funeral Home. In 1992 they purchased the Albion Chapel, and have owned them ever since. He and his wife built the first ground-up funeral homes in Noble County.

He served as the Noble County Coroner from 1992 until 2000, and Chief Deputy under his son John from 2000 to 2004. He was a proud, dedicated member of the Avilla Fire Department for over 35 years, elected to Fire Chief in 1979 and serving until 1990, and then from 1993 to 1996, and then served full-time from 2000 to present. He also served as the assistant fire chief for several years.

During his many years on the fire department, Terry was instrumental in many programs and projects with the department such as the purchase of state of the art extrication equipment, new fire trucks, state of the art turn out gear and airpacks and the new fire station built in 1988, which was his ultimate goal and a blessing to the community. He was also the first fire chief to implement a training program and he held all the master firefighter catagories the state offered. Terry was known statewide and nationwide for his extreme dedication and knowledge he brought to the fire service.

In 1985 he was the first firefighter in the state of Indiana awarded the medal of valor by Governor Robert Orr for saving the lives of three children and one firefighter in a May 1984 house fire in Avilla, the medal of valor is the highest award a firefighter may receive for bravery and very few of these awards have been issued out. In 1986, Terry was Indiana Fire Instructor of the year and in 1990 awarded Indiana Firefighter of the Year. Terry was the Indiana Firefighter Instructor's Association Volunteer director and 219 representative for many years. Terry was demonstrative in bringing 911 emergency services to Noble County and was later appointed to the Enhanced E-911 Board as representive to the Noble County Fire Chiefs.

Terry was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, both the Albion Masonic Lodge F & AM # 97 and the Avilla Masonic Lodge F & AM # 460, The Noble Chapter # 122 of the Order of the Eastern Star, The Avilla American Legion Post # 240 SAL and a former member of the Albion Rotary Club.

In 2009, along with his son John, he was appointed a Kentucky Colonel, which is the highest civilian honor in the State of Kentucky.

On September 8, 1972 he married Jeanie (Burtch) Brazzell at the Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, she survives in Albion. He is also survived by one daughter and son in law, Jennifer J. and Matt Getts of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, John A. and Megan Brazzell of Avilla; and three grandchildren; Jacob and Natalie Getts of Kendallville and J. Aaron Brazzell II of Avilla; his father, John M. Brazzell of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Michael Beckage of Carmel, Indiana; a niece, Nicole Beckage of Bloomington, Indiana; and many friends that were dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janet J. Brazzell on March 16, 1996; his special aunt and uncle, Bud & Doris Brazzell; and his beloved Labrador, Katie Layla.

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Terry was a loyal family man and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He served his community for many years in various positions and was always quick to lend a helping hand to someone. Terry loved talking and joking with people and had a special way of making you feel good even under the worse times. He was a one of a kind guy.

Terry was an avid gun and knife collector and loved to read.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 North Main Street, Avilla, Indiana.

The Rev. James Archambeault, Chaplin of the Kendallville Police Department will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home. A Masonic Service will be conducted at 8:00 P.M. by the Albion and Avilla Masonic Lodges.

Active Pallbearers will be Kendallville Fire Chief Mike Riehm, Angola Fire Chief Mike Meek, Former Albion Fire Chief Gregg Gorsuch, Former Orange Township Fire Chief George Wolfe, Albion Firefighter Mitch Fiandt and Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Avilla 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Duehmig, Avilla Fire Department Medical Officer Roger Dancer, Avilla Fire Department Battalion Chief Richard Hippenhammer, Avilla Firefighter Jordan Duehmig, Former Albion Fire Chief Bob Beckley and Noble County Emergency Management Director Mick Newton.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to the Noble County Humane Shelter, The Avilla Fire Department or The Order of Kentucky Colonels.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

The Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is assisting the Brazzell Family.

Virginia Trein Spellman, 88

Virginia Trein Spellman, age 88, passed away early Friday, April 30, 2010 at her home in Albion after a lengthy illness.

Born November 17, 1921 in Indiana to the late Freda Parcell and Edward F. Smith I. She married Harold Spellman on January 3, 1962, who preceded her in death.

She was very loving mother to two daughters; Sonja "Sonny" and Rudy Colden of Cromwell and Janet "Suzie" Yumet who preceded her in death in 1997.

Virginia was a retired restaurant owner and also proudly worked as a tour guide for Gene Stratton - Porter's Historical Site near Rome City.

Other survivors include nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters; Anita Moore of Columbus, Ohio and Delores Fraley of South Dakota, a brother; Ronald Smith of North Carolina and a half sister Sandra Parskley of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter Kimberly Sue Patches in 2008.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held on May 22, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at the Gene Stratton - Porter Historical Site near Rome City.

Burial of ashes will be held at a later date at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

To the view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Jean Ann Dunne, 69

Jean Ann Dunne, age 69, of Big Long Lake, died on Friday, May 7, 2010 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dunne was born in Fort Wayne on July 26, 1940 to Ralph and Alfreda Frances (Schmitt) West.

She attended Northside High School and married Richard J. Dunne on July 15, 1958 at the St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She was employed for 20 years byAsphalt Drum Mixers of Huntertown and worked in the international sales department. She retired in October 2001.

She also worked many years at the Fort Wayne License Branch on Berry Street.

Jean and Dick were part-owners of the Dari-Twist on St. Joe Road in Fort Wayne for many years.

Together they enjoyed the lake life and boating on Big Long Lake and at Palm Harbor, Florida.

Jean was a member of several women's bowling leagues both in the Fort Wayne/Leo area as well as in Palm Harbor, Florida.

She was an avid NASCAR and Notre Dame fan and she enjoyed sewing, quilting and crafting.

Survivors include; her husband of 51 years, Richard Dunne of Big Long Lake near Wolcottville, Mother, Alfreda (Schmitt) West of Fort Wayne.

Daughter, Lori and Dan Newell of Lake Of The Woods, Hudson. Son, Jeff and Stephenie Dunne of Big Long Lake. Son, Todd Dunne of Wolcottville. Three grandchildren; Michael and Emily Dunne and Grace Newell.

Brother, Thomas and Linda West of Albion.

Brother, Kevin West of Fort Wayne.

Sister, Darlene and Jim Kesler of Albion.

Sister, Karen and Ken Hite of Albion.

Sister, Cheryl Winterwest of Westler Lake, Wolcottville.

Sister, Phyllis and John Hinen of Fort Wayne.

Sister-in-law, Jacqueline L. Wisniewski of Grabill.

Many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and her brother, Wayne West.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Chaplain Mike Smith of Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Burial will be at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Casketbearers will be Tom West, Kevin West, John Hinen, Mark Phillips, Jerry Hall, and Dan Figel.

Honorary bearers Terry Fosnaugh, Ernie Lawson and Tom Hudson.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

Brian DeCamp, 343-8177, Andy David, 318-2712, Office Phone: 347-1653.

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Deborah 'Debbie' Lynn Smith, 52

Deborah 'Debbie' Lynn Smith, age 52, died May 9, 2010 at 10:30 p.m. in Ligonier, IN unexpectedly as a result of an accident.

She was born September 18, 1957 in Chicago, IL to Byron J. Branam Jr. and Maude (Grigsby) Branam.

Debbie grew up attending Clear Creek Baptist Church in Fisty, KY. She graduated from Knott County Central High School in 1976, currently attended the Crosswalk of Ligonier, and worked at BRC Rubber in Ligonier.

Survivors include her husband; Michael E. Smith of Knott County, KY, three sons; Michael J. Smith and David A. Smith, Ligonier, IN and Kelly A. (Erenstina Zarraga) Smith of Lawrence, KS, a daughter; Cheyenne Smith, Knott County, KY, a granddaughter; Victoria Abigal Smith, Lawrence, KS, two sisters; Dana Slone and Donna Becker, Ligonier, IN, two brothers; Dean Branam and David Branam, Hindman, KY, one aunt; Polly Collins, Ligonier, IN and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a stillborn brother, Thomas Ray Branam.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Clear Creek Baptist Church of Clear Creek, KY.

Officiating the services will be Rev. Ary Ritchie and Rev. Charles Ed Smith.

Debbie will be laid to rest in Singleton Cemetery in Clear Creek, KY.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 7-9 p.m. At Clear Creek Baptist Church in Clear Creek, KY.

Memorials can be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Joseph B. Wineland, 83

Joseph B. Wineland, age 83, died Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 3:40 PM at his home in Avilla.

He was born in Garrett, Indiana on December 12, 1926 and was the son of Burr and Anna Earle (Bass) Wineland. He married Rita Koenig on October 16, 1949 in Auburn.

They came to the Avilla area in 1961 from Dekalb County.

Mr. Wineland was a final repairman in Department 42 at International Harvester, and retired from there in October of 1982 after 35 1/2 years of service.

He was also a part time farmer, and was an avid sports fan. The Chicago Bears, the Cubs and Indiana Basketball were his favorite teams, and he also loved to work outdoors.

Mr. Wineland was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rita Wineland of Avilla; children, Larry (Cindy) Wineland of Avilla, and his twin sister Sharon Horton of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Melanie (Paul) Strack of Monroeville, Indiana, Fred Wineland of Columbia City, and Steven (Dianne) Wineland of Avilla. Twenty grandchildren and twenty five great-grandchildren. A sister-in-law, June Wineland of Kendallville.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Bill Wineland, and two sisters, Evelyn Sayer and Roberta Warber.

A memorial service for Mr. Wineland was Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiated. Cremation took place after the visitation.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Joseph Wineland to the Immanuel Lutheran Church building fund.

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Marcella Clabaugh

GARRETT — Marcella M. Zerns Clabaugh, 87 years, of Garrett, Indiana, died early Tuesday May 11, 2010, at the Defiance Area Hospice Inpatient Facility, Defiance, Ohio.

Mrs. Clabaugh

Marcella was born October 1, 1922, in Garrett, Indiana, to the late Harry and Florence (Sampson) Van Lear.

She was a 1940 graduate of Garrett High School.

Marcella married Maxwell Zerns on February 6, 1942, and he preceded her in death on May 9, 1979. She then married Donald Clabaugh on March 20, 1985, in Hicksville, Ohio, and he also preceded her in death on January 16, 1997.

Marcella began her career as the secretary to former Garrett Mayor Fred Feick, a position she held for 14 years. She then was elected to the position of Clerk Treasurer for the City of Garrett, which she held for five terms.

Marcella was elected as Mayor of the City of Garrett, the first female mayor in DeKalb County, for one term, retiring at the completion of that term.

She was a lifelong member of the Garrett First Church of Christ where she taught Sunday school for many years and sang in the choir and was a member of the Missions Committee. She was also the treasurer for the Bill Loft Mission, Inc., and a member of the Lake James Assembly of Christian Women.

She was a member of the Business and Professional Women in Garrett, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority Alumna Chapter, secretary of the Garrett High School Class of 1940 Alumni, president of the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers in 1978-1979, the Garrett Historical Society, the Garrett Chamber of Commerce and was a former president of the Board of Directors for the Morrill Foundation and was a board member of the Wyatt Memorial Foundation.

She also gave of her time to be a Cub Scout Den Mother. She enjoyed all sports especially the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana University Basketball and the Chicago Cubs.

Most of all, Marcella loved spending time with her family and friends and being an active and integral part of her community and church. Marcella will be remembered by many in DeKalb County and beyond for a host of reasons, for she was a woman who led by example and was of great substance and character. She took great pride in her family, community and church. Marcella will be missed by many, but remembered forever by all who met or knew her.

Surviving are her two grandchildren, Deborah (Scott) Pruitt of Valparaiso, Indiana, and their children, Katie, Nick and Abbey; Joel Scott Zerns of Noblesville, Indiana, and his son, Sam; stepchildren, Connie Clabaugh, Darlene Clabaugh, Mary (Ron) Schoenle, and Denny (Tonia) Clabaugh; grandchildren, Jeff (Kim) Schoenle and their children Garrett, Gavin, Gradyn and, Gabrianna Schoenle, Aubrey Clabaugh and her children Josh and Avery Clabaugh, Barb (Kendall) Sydnor and their children Annie, Charlie, Oliver Sydnor, Chris (Angie) Clabaugh and their son Landon Lee; Andrew Clabaugh, Jake Clabaugh, Jennifer Schoenle, Jody Schoenle, and several foster grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Patricia Turnbull of Hicksville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Max and Don; son, Joel M. Zerns; stepson, Larry Clabaugh; brother, Robert Van Lear; sister-in-law, Marge Van Lear; and brother-in-law, Lloyd Turnbull.

Visitation for Marcella M. Zerns-Clabaugh will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 4-8 p.m. in the Thomas Funeral Home 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, Indiana.

Funeral services for Marcella will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, 213 W. King St., Garrett, with Ministers Nathan Powell and Larry Weller officiating. Interment will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Friends may also call one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday at the church. Professional services have been entrusted to and conducted by Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the Garrett First Christ of Christ or Lake James Christian Assembly.

Condolences may be sent to the family, or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

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Nelle Carteaux

AVILLA — Nelle Esther Carteaux, age 82, died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. She had been ill for the past three and a half months.

She was born in Anderson, Indiana, on September 11, 1927, and was the daughter of Claude and Trillah (Stephens) White. She graduated from Anderson High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ball State University.

On June 9, 1951, she married Russell Carteaux Sr. at the Auburn Catholic Church. They were married almost 59 years. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Carteaux was the former owner of Rainbows N Unicorns, a craft store, and the former executive secretary of the Noble County Chapter of American Red Cross. She was also a former Avon representative.

She was a member of the Avilla Lions Club, St. Mary's Rosary Society, Avilla Post 240 Legion Auxillary, Hoosier Hissers Cat Club, Noble County Library Board, and the Noble County Local Emergency Planning Committee. She was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Mrs. Carteaux had many hobbies including crocheting, knitting, cat shows with her registered Birman cats, reading, crossword puzzles and genealogy.

She also started Monday hot lunch programs at St. Mary's, and also worked the bingo games there.

Other survivors include her children, Jane (Bob) Cartwright of Wilmington, Illinois; Jean (Ed) Hollis of Grandville, Michigan; Russel Jr. (Laura) Carteaux of Avilla; Richard (Tina) Carteaux of Marion; Timothy (Lora) Carteaux of Kendallville; Ann (Mark) Robbins of Kendallville and David (Connie) Carteaux of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; and a sister and her husband, Ruthie and Robert Jones.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Erpelding will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-7:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. A rosary service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Donations in loving memory of Nelle can be made to the family.

Irene Terry

GARRETT — Irene Ellen Terry, 96, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Terry was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

She was born December 14, 1913, in Waterloo, to Theron and Gertrude (Schuster) Farrington.

She married Maurice W. Terry on January 1, 1937, in Jackson Township. He passed away July 28, 1998.

Mrs. Terry

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Sandra Terry of Garrett; four daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Norman Peters of Tinley Park, Illinois, Sherrill and Wayne Peters of Auburn, Sandy and Phil Aldrich of Fort Wayne, and Joan Ice of FortWayne; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Dennis and Kathy Peters, Denise and Brian Graham, Doug and Cindy Peters, Darren and Dyane Peters, Ryan and Rachelle Peters, Heath and Kari Peters, Brent and Christen Terry, Cindy and Scott Lung, and Christopher Ice; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Phyllis Metcalf; a brother, John Farrington; two grandsons, Randy William Terry and Matthew Paul Terry; and a great-grandson, Isaac Lung.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor John Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

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Bill Bryant

KENDALLVILLE — Bill Bryant, 74, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Bryant retired from Silgan Plastics in Ligonier after more than 40 years of service. He also worked at the Shell Station in Kendallville for six years after he retired.

Mr. Bryant

He was a past chairman of the Marshmallow Festival in Ligonier, past member of the Ligonier Jaycees and past president of the P.T.O. He a was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954.

Mr. Bryant was born in LaGrange County, Ind., on Oct. 19, 1935, to Raymond Royal and Alberta (Martin) Bryant. He married Bonnie Kay White on March 24, 1967, in Ligonier, Ind. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mindy and David Kyle of Goshen, Linda Matchett of Ligonier, Lisa and Mark Teders of Avilla and Beth Brown of Churubusco; a son, Michael Bryant of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jim and Joan Bryant of Wolcottville; stepbrother, Bob and Carol Bryant of Connecticut; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Anthony and Kaelie Cusick, and his brother, Harold Bryant.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Robert Farmer officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery. Casket-bearers will be David Kyle, Mark Teders, Michael Bryant Jr., Matthew Bryant, Seth Brown and Austin Teders.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Debbie McBride

FREMONT — Debbie Jowsay McBride,52, of Fremont went to heaven on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. McBride had been employed at Gay's Hops-N-Schnapps Party Store and had been a Gay family store employee since 1974.

Mrs. McBride

She was a 1975 graduate of Fremont High School

Mrs. McBride was a member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and HARF Auto Club.

She was a car enthusiast and enjoyed going to car cruise-ins. She was a big racing fan, enjoying NASCAR, open wheel racing and sprint car racing. She was a Jeff Gordon fan.

Her life revolved around her family and she loved her family and her animals, "Hoosier" and "Cruzer." She was also an IU and Notre Dame fan and she enjoyed baking and doing crafts.

Her family wishes to extend a sincere and special thank you to everyone in the community for their continuous support during her illness.

She was born Aug. 8, 1957, in Coldwater, Mich., to Kenneth and Eleanor (Finicle) Jowsay. Her mother survives in Fremont and her father preceded her in death on March 7, 2009.

Also surviving are two daughters, Betsy and Bernie Stuebgen of Indianapolis and Becky McBride of Indianapolis; a sister, Bonnie and Tony Mitchell of Fremont; and a brother, Rob Jowsay of Fremont.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Steuben County or the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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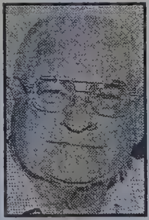
Dallas Griffin

BUTLER — Dallas E. Griffin 77, passed peacefully at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne with his family at his side on May 11, 2010.

Dallas was born on September 21, 1932, in Butler to Royce and Wava (Robinson) Griffin. He married Patricia Driver on November 19, 1955, in Angola and she survives.


Mr. Griffin

Also surviving are a daughter, Alice Wasson of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Donna Griffin of Butler; four grandchildren, Angi and Jamie Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, Candi and Jeff Lands of Paulding, Ohio, Kelsi Wasson of Fort Wayne, and Cody and Heather Griffin of Butler; six great-grandchildren Colby, Janae and Conner Miller, Kayne Wasson, and Mary and Kal-el Lands.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Elvin Lee Griffin; and a sister, Maxine Eddy.

He was a proud Marine, serving in the Korean War, and a member of American Legion Post 202, Butler, serving in the honor guard.

Dallas retired from Spangler Candy in Bryan, Ohio.

He was a retired member of the Butler Fire Department, serving 20 years.

Dallas was an avid fisherman, hunter, and enjoyed making canes for his friends.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Matt Snodderly officiating.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, from 3-7 p.m. and one hour prior to service Friday.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 202.

Preferred memorials are to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsnfh.com

Beverly Jennings

ARGOS — Beverly June Jennings, 77, died Monday, May 10, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Argos. She had battled cancer since 2005.

Mrs. Jennings had moved to Argos two months ago from Pleasant Lake, Ind.

She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola Hillcrest Baptist Church in Angola, Ind., and the Word of Life Fellowship in Schroon Lake, N.Y.

Mrs. Jennings was a graduate of Shepherd High School class of 1951.

She was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Shepherd, Mich., to Carl and Tressa (Taylor) Hapner. She married Loren M. Jennings on Dec. 16, 1953, at Strickland Baptist Church in Shepherd. He survives in Pleasant Lake, Ind.

Mrs. Jennings

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheri and Dewayne Cheramie of Norton, Ohio, and Jeanie and Chris Brown of Argos, Ind.; a son, Chris Jennings of Lansing, Mich.; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Donna and Earl Gates of Mount Pleasant, Mich., and Jean Nunnallee of Lavernia, Texas; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Lois Hapner of Comstock, Mich., and Carl and Hazel Hapner of Chiefland, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, 11525 S.R. 10, Argos, with the Rev. Aaron Kaukonen officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Argos.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association in care of Loren Jennings, 652 W. Marshall St., Argos, IN 46501.

Condolences may be sent online to memorials@earl grossmanfuneral.com

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Mabel Smith

FORT WAYNE — Mabel M. Smith, 94, formerly of Antwerp, Ohio, passed away May 7, 2010, at the Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mabel was born in Archbold, Ohio, on May 22, 1915, a daughter of the late Lizzie (Short) and Welden Pursel.

She was a homemaker who lived most of her life in Fulton County, Ohio; the oldest living Golden Star Mother in Ohio; a lifetime member of the Antwerp VFW Auxiliary.

She also loved to crochet.

On April 11, 1942, she married Lyle Smith in Indiantown Gap, Pa. He died in 1972.

Mabel will be sadly missed by her daughters, Betty (Ronald) Figgins of Hicksville, Ohio, Mary (Wayne) Applegate of Auburn, Elaine (Rick) Weigman, DeAnn (William) Smith and Pat Smith, all of Fort Wayne; sons, Larry (Carolyn) of Sutherlin, Ore., Ronald (Carole) of Moline, Ill., and Jerry (Sharon) of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her son, Allen; stepmother, Lorene; and brothers, Orville, Roscoe and Paul Pursel.

Her funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on Monday, May 10, at 10 a.m., with viewing one hour prior. Viewing also was Sunday at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Walker

GREENFIELD — Virginia L. Walker, 76, of Indianapolis and formerly of Greenfield, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Springhurst Health Campus in Greenfield.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, with Rev. Greg Pimlott officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery, Greenfield.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com

James Swanekamp

LAGRANGE — James E. Swanekamp Jr., 53, of LaGrange died Sunday, May 9, 2010, at his residence.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ, 4540 S. C.R. 1100W, Hudson, Ind., with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mary Bartlett

NEWVILLE — A graveside memorial service for Mary Lois Rakow Bartlett will be at 11 a.m Saturday at the Newville Cemetery in Newville.

Mrs. Bartlett, 88, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Aug. 6, 2009, at Greenville Memorial Hospital in South Carolina.

Wallace Puckett

WATERLOO — Wallace T. Puckett, 52, of Waterloo died Tuesday, May 12, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Marilyn Puckett.

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Violet Seigel

GARRETT — Violet L. Seigel, 88, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Seigel was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born May 5, 1922, in Garrett to William H. and Helen (Gingery) Kleeman.

She married Wilber R. Seigel on May 31, 1942, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.. He died Nov. 15, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, William R. Seigel of Garrett and Jack D. Seigel of Garrett; a granddaughter and her husband, Gina and Timothy Maloney of Auburn; two great-grandchildren, Whitney Evans and Terrin Dietrich; and a sister-in-law, Kate Kleeman of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Virginia L. Peters; and a brother, Donald M. Kleeman.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St, Auburn, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Joan L. Kohl

AUBURN — Joan L. Kohl, 80, of Auburn died Thursday, May 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorials Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kohl worked for the Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 23 years, retiring in October of 1991.

She was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1948.

She was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Auburn Eastern Star.

She was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Auburn to Clifford and Agnus (Kline) Parrett. They both preceded her in death.

She married Dale F. Kohl on Aug. 7, 1948, in the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Pat Gentis of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Kathy Kohl of Auburn; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Juliana Houtz

ANGOLA — Juliana M Houtz, 90, of Angola and formerly of Village Oaks in Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Prince of Peace Cemetery near Hudson.

There is no calling.

Feller and Clark Funeral

Betty Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Betty Jean Smith, 86, of Kendallville will be held Sunday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Smith died April 30, 2010.

Hite Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Trucker wanted to make a home

BY JIM SHILANDER
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HAMILTON — John Evans' job didn't always allow him to be home, but his wife and children said he always did his best to make the most of the time he had.

Evans, a veteran long-haul trucker from Hamilton, died May 8 at age 71.

Wife Maxine said the two met at a restaurant in Columbus and were married after a brief courtship.

"We eloped to West Virginia," Maxine said. "We had the ceremony in the back of a five-and-dime store. We made it a honeymoon. That was just the way he wanted to do it."

The pair had borrowed Evans' brother Albert's convertible for the occasion.

"He wasn't much for ceremony," daughter Jackie Burris joked.

After driving a milk truck for several years, Evans worked as a long haul trucker at the company owned by brother Albert's twin, Elbert, Evans Equipment in Butler. Often, daughter Pamela Swander said, the girls would run out to greet their father when he'd come back from a week of driving. When he'd get back he'd work on the family's farm.

"We'd have pigs, cows, horses. He loved his farm animals," Swander said. "He'd grown up on a farm."

The girls would work the farm while Evans was away during the week.

"He'd try to make boys of his girls," she joked. She said she remembered her father driving the tractor while she sat in the wagon. "I used to love going out on the wagon," she said.

Daughter Cindy Evans said that while her father might have been gone for fork, he wasn't gone from his children's lives.

"He wasn't always there, but he wasn't absent," she said. Evans was a constant at his daughters' 4-H activities, she said, and he was always supportive. "He was a pretty easy-going dad, but when we grew up it became a relationship of respect. He was there for me when I was going through some tough times."

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John Evans sits with grandsons Justin, left, and Jonathan Burris. Evans was a long-time trucker who did his best to provide a home for his family despite his long weeks on the road.

Oldest daughter Mary Gingerich said her father would do his best to help his neighbors, especially nearby Amish families.

"He really liked helping them out, he'd deliver them things they needed, he'd drive them places," Gingerich said. "I didn't realize just how many friends he had until the service."

Gingerich, who's worked to put together a family genealogy, said her father was invaluable resource.

"He remembered everything," she said. "All I had to do was talk to him and he'd tell me stories about everyone. I'm really going to miss him."

When Jackie, the youngest daughter, was 14, Evans left long haul trucking to work closer to home.

"I think that's where he wanted to be," Burris said.

That decision left him more time to pursue his other hobby, buying old tractors and trucks at auctions. Or, as Maxine called them "junk."

"He called it art work, I called it junk," she said. "I told him he should have been in junk for business."

"He knew it well," Burris said. "He loved auctions, buying junk, every second-hand thing he could get his hands on. He liked to drive old trucks. If it didn't work, or if it wasn't in the best shape, that's what he wanted."

Gingerich said her father got many of his items from friends who were just looking to get rid of things.

Evans' family also remembered him as enjoying Christmas, or at least, enjoying teasing his kids around Christmas.

"He straight tormented us with Christmas presents" Burris said. "He used to give us hints as to where they might be, but they wouldn't be close to where they were."

Swander said sometimes the girls would get their father to let them open one item on Christmas Eve, but that they didn't press their luck beyond that.

Maxine said her husband was also the family's toy tester, despite not having any boys.

"He had to play with all of the toys," she said. "Especially the video-games."

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Sarah Eldridge

GARRETT — Sarah Jean Eldridge, 85, of Garrett died at 5 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born Jan. 19, 1925 in Auburn to Walter I. and Edna M. (May) Eldridge.

Ms. Eldridge

Ms. Eldridge graduated from Manchester College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She worked in Pemberton, Ohio; Flint, Indiana; Modock, Indiana; and the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school system, from which she retired in 1986 after 33 years. She was a member of the Manchester Church of the Brethren and attended Garrett United Methodist Church. She was a member of the DeKalb County Retired Teachers, Retired State Teachers, Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Education Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Marjorie E. Eldridge, and sister and brother in-law, Lucile and Dale L. DePew.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Dr. Scott Shoaff of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences and an on-line register book are at thomasfuneralhome.org

Royetta Wilder

SOUTH MILFORD — Royetta Lee Wilder, 59, of Auburn and formerly of South Milford, died on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

She was born in LaGrange on Oct. 26, 1950 to Roy Young and Florence Charlyene (Fritz) Hall.

Mrs. Wilder

Mrs. Wilder graduated from Praire Heights High School in 1968. She married Steve Wilder on April 24, 1988 at the Church of God in Ashley.

She had worked at Milford Elementary School where she helped teach handicapped children. She attended the South Milford United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her parents, her husband, a daughter, Melissa Shepherd of South Milford, and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rusty and April Hall of South Milford and Rod and Marie Hall of Wolf Lake.

She was preceded in death by great-nephew, Bailey Hall.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at South Milford United Methodist Church, the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is an hour before the service.

Memorials may be made to the east wing at Lutheran Life Villages of Kendallville or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville. Condolences may be sent to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

Lyle Parker

HUDSON — Lyle W. Parker, 92, died Saturday, May 15, 2001, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Mary Jo Roberts

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Jo Roberts, 29, of Kendallville and formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, died on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne due to a massive stroke she suffered last Friday. She had been a patient in the hospital for one week.

Mary Jo was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 26, 1980, to Benjamin D. and Martha (Held) King. Her mother survives in Cleveland, Ohio. On April 22, 2006, in Cleveland she married Matthew L. Roberts. He survives in Kendallville.

Mary Jo was a homemaker who loved to read, do cross stitch, and use computers. She had many friends she had befriended over the Internet.

She had resided in the area for one year coming from Cleveland.

She is survived by her husband Matthew; her mother Martha; a brother and sister-in-law, Benjamin L. and Kris King of Macedonia, Ohio; three sisters, Kathy Campbell of Parma, Ohio, Patty and Bill Cleavenger of Volga, W.Va., and Louetta Wynegar of Manns Harbor, N.C.; her mother- and father-in-law, Terry and Sherry Roberts of Avilla; her brothers-in-law, Joshua Roberts of Kendallville, William Roberts of Kendallville and Nathan and Tara Roberts of Newton, Iowa; her nieces and her nephews, Erica and Amanda Campbell, Brando and Justin King, Zachary Roberts, Colton Roberts and Carson Roberts.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, from 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Larry R. Williams will officiate.

Cremation to follow.

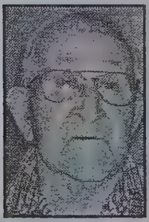
A memorial service will be held at a later date in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Lyle Parker

HUDSON — Lyle W. Parker died May 15, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola, Indiana.



Mr. Parker

Lyle was born to Wilma and Harvey Parker on March 4, 1918, in Steuben County and lived here all of his life.

He worked for the Steuben County Highway Department from March 1955 until his retirement in November 1985.

He married Pauline Hafer on Feb. 14, 1942, and she preceded in him in death on May 13, 1986.

He was also preceded in death by both of his parents and one sister, Evelyn.

He is survived by one son, Robert Parker and daughter-in-law, Carol, of Angola; one granddaughter, Kelly Parker of Columbia City; one great-grandson, Sage Parker; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Delaney.

Also surviving are one sister, Eva, in Hudson, Florida; a stepgranddaughter, Kelly and her husband Mike and their three sons who live in Auburn, Indiana; a stepgranddaughter, Becky and her husband Chuck and their two sons who live in Coldwater, Michigan; and a stepdaughter, Stacey and her daughter who live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 19, with Pastor Lance Witham officiating.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 18, from 5-7 p.m.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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Betty Geiser

LAGRANGE — Betty E. Geiser, 61, of LaGrange died Friday, May 14, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

She moved to LaGrange in 1990 from Goshen and worked for the ARC Opportunities in LaGrange.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

She was a former 4-H Club member and a Girl Scout.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1944, in Warsaw, Ind., to Franklin and Susie (Clear) Geiser.

Surviving are her father, Franklin Geiser of North Manchester, Ind.; a sister, Sandra Schrock of Lima, Ohio; a brother, David Geiser of Oakwood, Ill.; and a niece, Crystal Schrock of Lima, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Susie Schieber; a stepfather, Devon Schieber; and a stepmother, Lois Geiser.

Funeral services will be at noon on Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Olive West Cemetery in Elkhart, Ind.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time on Tuesday.

Memorials may be contributed to ARC Opportunities.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Jack Winbourne

AUBURN — Jack C. Winbourne, 60, of Auburn died Saturday, May 15, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Winbourne

Mr. Winbourne was a master technician with Chrysler Corp. for 27 years.

He was an Air Force Veteran serving during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

He was born April 11, 1950, in Wilson, N.C., to Charles and Dorothy Winbourne.

Surviving is his wife, Cindy Winbourne of Auburn; daughters, Megan Winbourne of Wilson, N.C., and Morgan Winbourne of Rocky Mount, N.C.; sons, Adam and Brandon Winbourne, both of Rocky Mount, N.C.; stepdaughters, Rhonda Harden of Waterloo, Tina Johnstone of Auburn, Akita Pepper of Waterloo and Amber Prentice of Kentucky; a stepson, Carl Winebrenner of Buckley, Ill.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in the Auburn Mausoleum.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

Cynthia Meade

NICKELSVILLE, Va. — Cynthia "Cindy" Neutz Meade, 48, of Nicklesville died Saturday, May 15, 2010, in Nicklesville.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. today at the Gene Falin Memorial Chapel at the Gate City Funeral Home in Virginia.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Free Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

David Linnemeier

ATTICA, Ind. — David W. Linnemeier, 39, of Attica died Friday, May 7, 2010, at his parents' home in Attica.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to The V Foundation, 10 Towerview Court, Cary, N.C. 27513.

Doris Minch

FRANKLIN — Doris M. Bardsley Minch, 86, died Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Homeview Health and Rehabilitation Center in Franklin.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Jessen Funeral Home, 729 U.S. Highway 31, Whiteland. Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Lancaster Cemetery at Lancaster.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Cynthia Meade

NICKELSVILLE, Va. — Cynthia "Cindy" Neutz Meade, 48, entered into rest Saturday, May 15, 2010, at her residence.

She was born on September 26, 1961. Cindy is a daughter of Jean Sellers and George Neutz.

Cindy is preceded in death by her paternal granddad, Charlie Neutz, and her paternal grandparents, Marie and Everett Noyes.

Surviving are her husband, Gary P. (Meadeo) Meade, Nickelsville, Va.; a daughter, Meagan J. Meade, Nicelsville, Va.; her father, George Neutz and his wife, Judy, Coldwater, Mich.; her mother, Jean Sellers and her husband, Graham, Coldwater, Mich.; her gandmother, Peggy Neutz, Fremont, Ind.; her sisters, Lisa (Jeff) Meade, Huntington, Mich., Cynthia (Shawn) Fleming, Boulder City, Nev., Judith Jones, Angola, Ind., and Sherrie Horr, Angola, Ind.; her brothers, Charles (Chuck) Neutz and George (Alissa) Neutz, both of Coldwater, Mich., Mike Sellers, Bronson, Mich., and Jim and Rick Horr, both of Angola, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Monday in the Gene Falin Memorial Chapel of the Gate City Funeral Home in Gate City, Va. The Rev. Steve Collins and the Rev. Joe Barber officiated. Music was provided by Greg and Becky White.

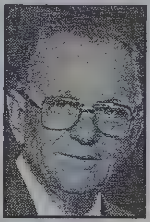
Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today, Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Free Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Nicelsville, Va. Matthew Dockery, Mark Dockery, Conley Gilmer, Dale Nuckels, Jerry Stapleton, Shannon Castle, Johnny Gilmer and Jackie Moore will serve as pallbearers.

The family asks that family and friends meet at The First Baptist Church of Nickelsville, Va., at 12:15 p.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

The online guest registry is available for the Meade family at www.gatecityfunerals.com

Arden Pease

AVILLA — Arden L. Pease, 88, died Monday, May 17, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Mr. Pease

Mr. Pease purchased the Limberlost Golf Course in Rome City in 1984 and ran it for four years.

He was the owner of Pease Machine & Tool for 25 years, retiring in 1983.

He was born in Adams County.

Mr. Pease was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Catherine Pease of Avilla; three sons, Kenneth (Anna) Pease of Elpaso, Texas, Michael Pease of Angola and Timothy (Julie) Pease of Kendallville; four daughters, Ruth Ann Eglof of Avilla, Sandra (Thomas) Mast of Avilla, Patricia (Don) Rahrer of Churubusco and Deborah Diehl of Kendallville; two sisters, Jill Garringer of Fort Wayne and Helen Lemaster of Portland; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchilren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Jack Pease and two sisters, Joan Zurcher and Jean Eastwood.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home Chapel, Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service. Calling will also be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home Chapel.

Burial will be in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Robert Whetsell

GARRETT — Robert Charles Whetsell, 64, of Garrett, Ind., passed away at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Robert was born September 2, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Charles H. and Pauline (Schriattr) Whetsell.

He retired from Electric Motors & Specialty Inc. with 21 years of service.

Robert has served in the Navy and was a member of the American Legion in Garrett and a former member of the Eagles and VFW in Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ian Kropp.

His family includes his wife, Charlotte (Warstler) Whetsell of Garrett; daughters, Trachy Kropp of Kendallville and Jennifer (Jason) Reynolds of Auburn; a sister, Charlotte Unclebach of Texas; and grandchildren, Sarah and Allison Kropp and Esabelle Whetsell.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, in the VA Protestant Chapel, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, Ind., with military honors and burial in Marion National Cemetery.

Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

D. Eric Franks

TALBOTT, Tenn. — David Eric Franks, 50, of Talbott and formerly of Noble County, Ind., died Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Kingsport, Tenn.

He was a well-known music instructor in northeast Indiana and in Tennessee.

Mr. Franks was an accomplished banjo player. He had been a member of several bands beginning in 1971, including The Sounds of Eric and Mark, Drivin' Bluegrass and Todd Herendeen and The FTD Band.

Mr. Franks was a member of Masonic Lodge 231.

He is survived by his parents, David J. and Norma L. Franks of Talbott; a brother, Steven D. Franks of Talbott; a daughter, Tiffany Nicole Franks of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Angie Snider and Tina Johnson, both of Auburn, Ind.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 12, at Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown, Tenn.

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 13, at Bethesda Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Gaines, Nathen Dice, Mitch Smith and Danny Goodman.

Memorials are to the family in care of David and Norma Franks, 6485 Clover Lane, Talbott, TN 37877.

Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown, Tenn., was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Geiser

LAGRANGE — Betty E. Geiser, 61, of LaGrange died Friday, May 14, 2010 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

She moved to LaGrange in 1990 from Goshen and worked for the ARC Opportunities in LaGrange.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

She was a former 4-H Club member and a Girl Scout.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1949, in Warsaw, Ind., to Franklin and Susie (Clear) Geiser.

Surviving are her father, Franklin Geiser of North Manchester, Ind.; a sister, Sandra Schrock of Lima, Ohio; a brother, David Geiser of Oakwood, Ill.; and a niece, Crystal Schrock of Lima, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Susie Schieber; a stepfather, Devon Schieber; and a stepmother, Lois Geiser.

Funeral services will be at noon today at the Frurip-May Funeral, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Olive West Cemetery in Elkhart, Ind.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time today.

Memorials may be contributed to ARC Opportunities.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Lee Brumbaugh

FORT WAYNE — Lee A. Brumbaugh, 49, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Arcola United Methodist Church with Pastor Harold Klinker officiating. The family will receive friends at a reception at the church immediately following the service.

Private burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Brumbaugh's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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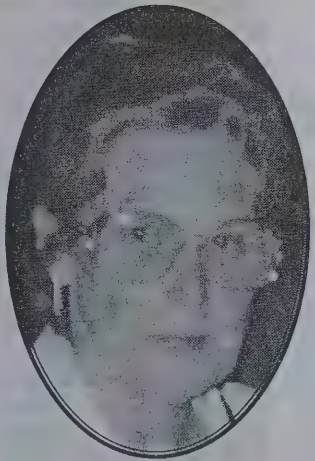
The family of

Nellie Sturdivant



would like to sincerely thank everyone who remembered us during the time of our heartfelt loss. Whether you were able to come and be with us or not, all the flowers, cards, food and prayers were greatly appreciated.

The outpouring of support has been nothing short of amazing and we feel blessed to have so many people who care about us.

*Once again, thank you for
your support, letters, cards and
especially your prayers.*

God Bless,
Jasper Case & Family, Jackie Thompson & Family, Pauline Ritter & Family, R. Wade Sturdivant & Family, David B. Sturdviant & Family

THE NEWS SUN
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Daisy Kratzer

GARRETT — Daisy Avanelle Kratzer, aged 98, of Garrett died Monday, May 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kratzer

Daisy was born March 11, 1912, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Charles L. and Myrtle (Thomson) Metzger.

She was a member of First Church of Christ, Garrett, where she was a Sunday school teacher of the Amicus Class, missions newspaper editor and a supporter of worldwide missions.

She worked at Messenger Corporation in Auburn, the Garrett License Bureau, was a bookkeeper for Donley Motor Company in Garrett, was a punch press operator at Rieke Corporation and then worked for 23 years as Executive Secretary to the CEO, Small Motor Division of GE in Fort Wayne, retiring in January 1967.

Daisy married Thomas J. Reese Jr. in October 1931 in Auburn and he died in 1950. She married Keith Kratzer and they were married for 27 years until his death in March of 1973.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gareth Lee and Kathleen E. Reese of Moberly, Mo.; two grandsons and their spouses, Tim and Kim Reese and Jon and Kathy Reese; and three great-grandchildren, Abigail Leigh Reese, Courtney Renae Reese and Ian Michael Reese.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; two brothers, Ainsworth "Bill" Metzger and Victor Metzger; and two sisters, Marjorie Baker and Olevia Keeler.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with Nathan Powell officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Lake James Christian Assembly, Angola, or Central Christian College of the Bible, Moberly, Mo.

Mary Jo Fleck

MILLERSBURG — Mary Jo Fleck, 73, of Millersburg died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Fleck had moved from Rome City to Millersburg in 1978.

Mrs. Fleck

She was a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ in Ligonier.

Mrs. Fleck was a retired assistant manager of the Salvation Army Store in Elkhart.

She was born July 17, 1936, in Kendallville to Joseph P. and Dorthy H. (Goleman) Babin. She married Donn W. Fleck on Nov. 6, 1973, in South Milford. He survives in Millersburg.

Also surviving are her mother, Dorthy Babin-Caron of Albion; a daughter, Valerie Christian of LaGrange; a son, Joseph D. Caron of Bunker Hill, Ind.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Rosa Lee DeBoard of Albion; and a brother and sister-in-law, William Allen and Monica Babin of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death were her father, Joseph Babin; a grandson, Jeromie Thomas in July 1993; and two brothers, John and David Babin.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Mel Harrell officiating.

Private burial will be at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of Christ, 9025 N. C.R. 860W, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Whetsell

GARRETT — Robert Charles Whetsell, 64, of Garrett, Ind., passed away at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Robert was born September 2, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Charles H. and Pauline (Schriattr) Whetsell.

He retired from Electric Motors & Specialty Inc. with 21 years of service.

Robert has served in the Navy and was a member of the American Legion in Garrett and a former member of the Eagles and VFW in Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ian Kropp.

His family includes his wife, Charlotte (Warstler) Whetsell of Garrett; daughters, Tracy Kropp of Kendallville and Jennifer (Jason) Reynolds of Auburn; a son, Michael (Leah) Whetsell of Justin, Texas; a sister, Charlene Unclebach of Frisco, Texas; and grandchildren, Sarah and Allison Kropp and Isabelle Whetsell.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, in the VA Protestant Chapel, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, Ind., with military honors and burial in Marion National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the dementia ward at the VA Hospital, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, IN 46753.

Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

In Loving Memory

We wish to thank all of you who sent flowers, cards, memorials for Masses, e-mails, food and all the loving phone calls we received from our friends and relatives at the loss of our loved one, Pat Kurtz. We would like to express a special thank you to the Immaculate Conception Church and their church staff, to the casket bearers, and to Young Funeral Home and their care and understanding.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God received you home.

Thank you and God bless all of you.
The Paquita "Pat" Kurtz Family

Joan Foust

FORT WAYNE — Joan K. Foust, 85, of Fort Wayne died Monday, May 17, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mrs. Foust had retired from Bradley Realty.

She was a native of Noble County.

Surviving are two daughters, Karla A. and Tom Cordes of Lake George, Coldwater, Mich., and Lisa J. and Ken Schiefelbein of Columbia City; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley and Roger Etzler of Angola; and five nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Robert Foust; and a sister, Nancy Housholder.

A gathering for family and friends will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

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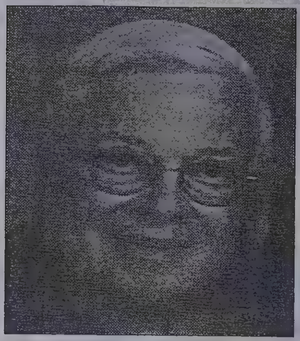

Bill Bryant, 74

Bill Bryant, age 74, of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Bryant was born in LaGrange County, Indiana on October 19, 1935 to the late Raymond Royal and Alberta (Martin) Bryant.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954 and married Bonnie Kay White on March 24, 1967 in Ligonier, Indiana.

Bill retired from Silgan Plastics in Ligonier after more than 40 years of service. He also worked at the Shell Station in Kendallville for 6 years after he retired.

Bill enjoyed traveling the west, panning and mining for gold. He liked to research his ancestry, collect coins, play golf, go bowling, and fishing and hunting. Bill was a gardener and he enjoyed going mushroom hunting. He was a past chairman of the Marshmallow Festival in Ligonier, past member of the Ligioner Jaycees and past president of the P.T.O. He also was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include; his wife of 43 years, Bonnie Bryant of Kendallville; four daughters, Mindy and David Kyle of Goshen, Linda Matchett of Ligonier, Lisa and Mark Teders of Avilla, and Beth Brown of Churubusco; a son, Michael Bryant of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim and Joan Bryant of Wolcottville; step-brother, Bob and Carol Bryant of Connecticut; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Anthony and Kaelie Cusick and his brother, Harold Bryant.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Robert Farmer.

Burial was at South Milford Cemetery.

Casketbearers were David Kyle, Mark Teders, Michael Bryant, Jr., Matthew Bryant, Seth Brown and Austin Teders.

Preferred memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755. Brian DeCamp, 343-8177, Andy David, 318-2712, Office phone, 347-1653.

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Royetta Lee Wilder, 59

Royetta Lee Wilder, age 59, recently of Auburn and formerly of South Milford, died on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wilder was born in LaGrange on October 26, 1950 to Roy Young and Florence Charlyene (Fritz) Hall.

She graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1968.

She married Steve Wilder on April 24, 1988 at the Church of God in Ashley.

Royetta was employed in the past at Milford Elementary School where she helped teach handicap children.

She enjoyed playing the piano and reading her Bible.

Royetta also loved being around kids and animals and collecting angels.

The South Milford United Methodist Church was her church home.

Survivors include; mother and father, Charlyene and Roy Hall of South Milford; daughter, Melissa Shepherd of South Milford; husband, Steve Wilder of Auburn; two brothers, Rusty and April Hall of South Milford and Rod and Marie Hall of Wolf Lake.

Nieces and nephews, Stephanie Hall, Sara Geiger, Michael Hall, Chad Hall, and Jacob Geiger; three great nephews and one great niece.

She was preceded in death by great nephew, Bailey Hall.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at South Milford United Methodist Church, in South Milford with visitation an hour before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Preferred memorials may be made to the east wing at Lutheran Life Villages of Kendallville or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arden Pease , 88

AVILLA — Arden L. Pease, 88, died Monday, May 17, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was born in Adams County

He was the owner of Pease Machine & Tool for 25 years, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Pease purchased the Limberlost Golf Course in Rome City in 1984 and ran it for four years.

Mr. Pease was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Catherine Pease of Avilla; three sons, Kenneth (Anna) Pease of Elpaso, Texas, Michael Pease of Angola and Timothy (Julie) Pease of Kendallville; four daughters, Ruth Ann Eglof of Avilla, Sandra (Thomas) Mast of Avilla, Patricia (Don) Rahrer of Churubusco and Deborah Diehl of Kendallville; two sisters, Jill Garringer of Fort Wayne and Helen Lemaster of Portland; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchilren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Jack Pease and two sisters, Joan Zurcher and Jean Eastwood.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home Chapel, Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service. Calling will also be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home Chapel.

Burial will be in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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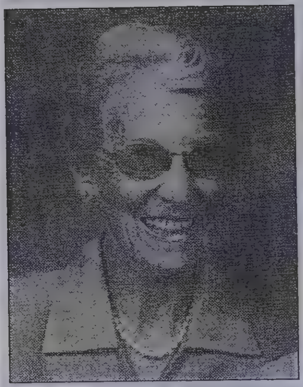

Marjorie Pursell, 90

Marjorie Pursell, 90, passed away on Monday, May 10, 2010, at Village of Heritage nursing home in Monroeville, Indiana.

She was born on April 27, 1927, a daughter of Henry and Stella Overmyer.

She was united in marriage to William Pursell on January 5, 1943.

Mrs. Pursell was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church. She retired from the VA hospital in Fort Wayne and later worked in hospice in Beverly Hills, Florida. She enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with family.

Surviving relatives include her three daughters; Sandra Pursell of Albion, Indiana, Cynthia Yerks of Harlan, Indiana, and Deborah Pursell of Houston, Texas; a sister Naomi Johnson of Harlan; four grandchildren - William (Kelli) Brenneke of Albion, Colleen (Tommy) Ripley of Spring, Texas, Chad Yerks of New Haven and LeAnn (Andy) Werling of New Haven. She had 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Pursell was preceded in death by her husband, William. Two brothers, Richard Overmyer and Charles Overmyer, a sister, Neva Enyart, and a grandson, Todd Brenneke also preceded her in death.

A private family memorial service honoring the life of Mrs. Pursell was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Mary Jo Roberts, 29

Mary Jo Roberts, 29, of Kendallville and formerly of Cleveland, Ohio died due to a massive stroke last Friday on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for 1 week.

Mary Jo was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 26, 1980 to Benjamin D. and Martha (Held) King, her mother survives in Clevland, Ohio. On April 22, 2006 in Cleveland she married Matthew L. Roberts, he survives in Kendallville.

Mary Jo was a homemaker who loved to read, cross stitch, and use computers, she had many friends she had befriended over the internet. She had resided in the area for one year coming from Cleveland.

She is survived by her husband Matthew; mother Martha; a brother and sister-in-law Benjamin L. and Kris King of Macedonia, Ohio; three sisters, Kathy Campbell of Parma, Ohio, Patty and Bill Cleavenger of Volga, WV and Louetta Wynegar of Manns Harbor, NC; mother and father-in-law, Terry and Sherry Roberts of Avilla.

Brothers-in-law; Joshua Roberts of Kendallville, William Roberts of Kendallville and Nathan and Tara Roberts of Newton, Iowa.

Nieces and Nephews: Erica and Amanda Campbell and Brando and Justin King. Zachary Roberts, Colton Roberts and Carson Roberts.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral service was Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the Brazzell funeral home. The Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated.

Cremation to follow.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Clevelnad, Ohio.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel is in charge of arrangements. 530 North Main Street, Avilla, Indiana 46710.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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May 20, 2010, Thursday

Mary Lincoln

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary Alice Lincoln, 82, of Columbia City died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Lincoln

Mrs. Lincoln had moved to Columbia City in 2004 from Roanoke. She had also previously lived in Columbia City and Fort Wayne.

She had been employed at General Electric for 34 years.

Mrs. Lincoln was a member of American Legion Post 160 and VFW Auxiliary of Post 3846.

She was a graduate of Columbia City High School.

She was born May 18, 1928, in Allen County to Jesse and Rose (Witte) Simon. She married Gerry L. Lincoln on July 24, 1948. He died March 16, 2006.

Surviving are two sons, Steve E. (Sue) Lincoln of LaOtto and Dennis E. Lincoln of Columbia City; a daughter, Cathy (Tom) Harris of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Jene (Jean) Simon of Columbia City; and a brother-in-law, Jim Lambert of Columbia City.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Simon; and three sisters, Doris Simon, Rea Lambert and Lauretta Mowan.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.An auxiliary service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Virgilia Schlotterer

GARRETT — Virgilia "Jill" Rose Schlotterer, 69, of Garrett died at 5:14 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Masses.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Jacob Miller

BRISTOL — Jacob Eugene Miller, 61, of Bristol died Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Fairplay Camp School, Westminster, N.C., or the Mottville Community Church.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Robert Jones

CADILLAC, Mich. — Robert J. Jones, 86, of Cadillac, Mich., and formerly of Butler, Ind., died Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 18, at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be given in his honor to the Alzheimer's Association.

Carol Hart

LAGRANGE — Carol A. Hart, 64, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Doris Altman

ANGOLA — Doris Mae (Houck) Altman, 89, died at Cameron Hospital in Angola, Ind., on May 18, 2010.

Mrs. Altman

Born in Napoleon, Ohio, on March 6, 1921, she was the daughter of Bert V. and Mabel J. (Whistler) Houck.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; one sister; her husband, Archie Samuel Altman; and an infant daughter, Diane Houck Altman.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen Bert Altman of Orland, Ind., and David Frank (Rebecca) Altman of Fort Wayne, both ministers of the Gospel; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Luella (Bernard) Behnke of Coldwater, MI.

After high school (1941), Doris attended Davis Business Institute in Toledo, Ohio, and was a graduate of Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and owned and operated Altman's Confectionery in Defiance, Ohio, with her husband.

She loved working in her flower garden, sewing, and was treasurer at the Lake Gage Congregational Church for many years.

A memorial service will be held at the Lake Gage Congregational Church, 5540 W. Orland Road, at 11 a.m. Saturday with a gathering of family and friends one hour prior.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials may be made to Lake Gage Congregational Church, North Highlands Church of Christ or the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Evelyn Casselman

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn I. Casselman, 84, of Kendallville and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Evelyn was born May 18, 1926, in Auburn to Melvin J. and Sophia A. (Draggoo) Brandon.

She worked for the Auburn Police Department as a school crossing guard at 15th and Main streets for 11 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Women's Bowling Association since 1969 and a member of the Auburn Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

She also loved to roller skate.

She married Winfred L Casselman on January 10, 1943, in Fort Wayne and he died March 9, 1986.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alvin D. and Deb Casselman of Hamilton, Gary W. and Karen Casselman of Leo and Steve J. Casselman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Dean Wildeson of Huntertown and Rhonda and Roger Evans of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Sandra Brandon of Ashley and Juanita Brandon of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Robert E. Brandon Sr., Richard O. Brandon and Harold L. Brandon; and a granddaughter, Lois Casselman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday May 22, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association, American Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association.

Sarah Miller

TOPEKA — Sarah L. Miller, 77, of Topeka died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at her residence.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Ora Miller residence, 4385 W. C.R. 300S, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the same address as calling. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Howard Hartman

FORT WAYNE — Howard A. Hartman, 90, died Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hartman

Mr. Hartman was a native of Fort Wayne.

He had worked as a general foreman with Peter Eckrich for 47 years.

He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Surviving are two sons, Jeff Hartman of Huntertown and Ronald (Patricia) Hartman of Coldwater, Mich.; a son-in-law, Bill Ewing of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Jean Hartman, in 2006; daughter, Diana Ewing in 1994; two sisters; and a brother.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenlawn Cemetery Chapel, 6600 Covington Road.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Robert Rodesiler

COLDWATER, Mich. — Robert C. Rodesiler, 82, of Coldwater died Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Community Health Center of Branch County following a brief illness.

Mr. Rodesiler

Mr. Rodesiler graduated from Montgomery High School in 1946 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He worked fro the former United Technologies in Coldwater for 42 years as a supervisor, retiring in 1994.

Robert was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge, the Coldwater Eagles Lodge and the Coldwater VFW for 43 years. He was a member and past commander of Coldwater American Legion Post 52.

He was an avid golfer who enjoyed hunting and playing softball. He bowled on a league until he was 75 years old.

He was born February 23, 1928, in Blissfield, Mich., to Clyde and Minnie (Hasty) Rodesiler. He married Marjorie Adams on July 3, 1953, in Waterloo, Ind. She preceded him in death in 1990. He then married Marjorie (Karn) Ely on September 11, 1998. She survives.

Surviving with his wife, Marge, are his son, John and Cheryl Rodesiler of Angola; his daughters, Vicky and Mike Meek of Angola and Kathy Rodesiler of Hopkins, S.C.; his brothers, Jim and Joan Rodesiler of Hillsdale and Bruce Lemmon of Shreveport, La.; his sister, Jeanette and LeRoy Van Horn of Fremont, Ind.; his grandchildren, Christopher Rodesiler of Coldwater, Chad Rodesiler of Angola, Aimee McVoy of Huntington, Ind., Holly Deem of Angola and Kristy Clawson of Angola and nine great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Joshua Rodesiler in 2008; a sister, Shirley Towers; and three brothers, Donald, Thomas and Jerry Rodesiler.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St., Coldwater. Interment of ashes will be held at a later date at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 52.

Online condolences may be sent to and a guestbook signed at www.dutcherfh.com

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Beecher Stephens

KENDALLVILLE — Beecher L. Stephens, age 91, of Kendallville died Wednesday morning, May 19, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Stephens

Mr. Stephens was born in Albany, Kentucky, on August 6, 1918, to the late Jeff and Flora Mae (Phillips) Stephens.

He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He first married Wilma Claudine Franklin on November 20, 1937, in Albany, Kentucky. Beecher and Wilma were married for 62 years and she was the mother to their 14 children before her passing on September 27, 1999. After Wilma's death, Beecher was blessed to have met Joanne (Myers) Cline. They were married December 26, 2002, in Indianapolis and Joanne survives him in Kendallville.

Beecher retired from the Kendallville Foundry after many years of service.

Deeply dedicated to his Christian faith, he was a member of the Church of God in Wolcottville.

Beecher enjoyed story telling and spending time with his family. He enjoyed gardening and canning, and he loved to make jelly and share it with others for them to enjoy.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne Stephens of Kendallville; four sons, Bobby Stephens of Stroh, Buddy and Louise Stephens of Rufus, Oregon, Rick and Sheila Stephens of LaOtto and Mike and Patty Stephens of Atwater, California; seven daughters, Patricia and Maurice Hoover of Bentonville, Arkansas, Brenda and Robert Radcliff of Chicago, Sharon and Glenn Jessie of Chicago, Diana Glant of Kendallville, Sandy and Mick Shook of Kendallville, Kim and Ted Shook of Kendallville and Kathy and Ken Schwab of Springfield, Tennessee; his stepdaughters, Janice Dingess of Indianapolis and Bonnie Moore of Corinth, Illinois; 26 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and a brother, Eugene and Doris Stephens of Dayton, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by his daughters, Geraldine Stephens, Rebecca Byrum in 2008 and Charlotte Eichorn, who died February 18, 2009. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Lucille Gibson and Juanita Dory.

Visitation will be Friday, May 21, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Gene Suffridge.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Military honors at the graveside will be given by V.F.W Post 2749 of Kendallville.Casketbearers will be Rick Stephens, Ben Stephens, Glenn Jessie, Mick Shook, Ted Shook, Matthew Shook, and Aaron Stephens.

The family wishes that any memorials given be made to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Doris Metcalf

AUBURN — Doris Ann Metcalf, 83, of Auburn died Thursday May 20, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Metcalf worked as a secretary for the DeKalb Central School System for 25 years. She also worked as a secretary for the DeKalb County Clerk's office.

She received her BSS degree from the International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Garrett VFW, ACD Ladies Auxiliary, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Hamilton Fish and Game Club, and was a 50-year member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn.

She was born January 19, 1927, in DeKalb County to William H. and Pearl (Elson) Smith. She married Robert D. Metcalf on August 21, 1948, in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. He passed away May 30, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex Alan and Robbin Metcalf of Kingsport, Tenn.; two daughters, Sharon Cline of Kingsport, Tenn., and Karen and Kenneth Hitch of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Don A. and Sue Smith of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Robert Todd Gibson, Peter Joseph Cline, and Jennifer Leigh Cline.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. David Mathews officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be donated to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Ruth Engle

ALBION — Ruth G. Engle, 96, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Whitley County and Albion died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Engle

Mrs. Engle taught fourth and fifth grades for two years before her marriage. Her teaching career also included six years at Wolf Lake, one year at a private school and three years teaching kindergarten in public schools. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the class of 1932 and from Manchester College with class of 1936.

She also assisted with the family farm and worked at S & L Truck Stop for five years.

Mrs. Engle was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and the church's missionary circle.

She was born April 15, 1914, in Noble Township to Chauncey C. and Bessie (Friskney) Baughman. She married Ross L. Engle on Dec. 30, 1938, in Morocco, Ind. He died in 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Harry Lee (Lois) Engle of Angola and Allen D. (Karen) Engle of Albion; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded n death by her parents; her brothers, Gene and John Baughman; and a granddaughter, Debbie Gray.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral services will be a 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church and the Rev. Brent Wedding officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health & Hospice.

Visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

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Betty Lindly

BRONSON, Mich. — Betty Louise Lindly, 88, of Bronson and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 19, 2010, at her home.

During the 1970s, she and her husband, Donald, spent time at Lake Michiana and eventually became residents there.

Mrs. Lindly

Mrs. Lindly was a homemaker.

She was born May 25, 1921, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Henry Howard and Mabel (Cook) Howard Welsh. She married Donald A. Lindly on May 6, 1944. He preceded her in death Nov. 10, 1989.

Surviving are three sisters, Jean Sorohan, Lorraine Close and Juanita Layer; a stepdaughter and her husband, RoyaAnn and Randy Sheets of Bronson, Mich.; and several nieces, nephews and god children.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bill Howard.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo, Ohio.

Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Wilma Grosskopf

INDIANAPOLIS — Wilma Eileen Grosskopf, 80, of Indianapolis and formerly of Kendallville died May 13, 2010.

Mrs. Grosskopf taught school in Kendallville several years ago and her husband, George, was a coach at Rome City School.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel in Indianapolis.

Memorials are to Huntington University.

Virgilia Schlotterer

GARRETT — Virgilia "Jill" Rose Schlotterer, 69, of Garrett died at 5:14 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She has worked at Renaissance in Auburn for 15 years, retiring on April 1, 1995.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She graduated in 1959 from Avilla High School.

She was born on April 8, 1941, in Avilla to Fred and Mary E. (Biedrzycki) Schlotterer.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Robert Overy of Auburn and Susan and Daryl Severson of LaOtto; two nieces; two nephews; four great-nieces and six great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Thomas Schlotterer; and a sister, Dolores Kurtz.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett.

Memorials are to Masses.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook go to thomasfuneralhome.org

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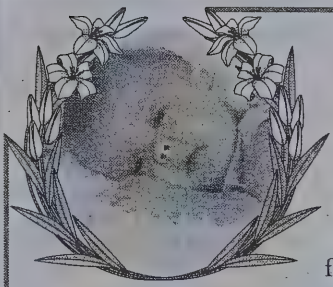

Thanks & Appreciation

The parents and family of Lillian Grace "Lilly" Hill, wish to thank all friends and family who sent flowers, cards, memorials, food and said prayers at the loss of our sweet baby girl. Lilly went to be with the Lord on May 10, 2010 after an illness and eight months and seven days on the earth. We wish to extend a special thank you to the pastors and members of Grace Christian Church for the love and support given in this time. Also to Young Family Funeral Home for their special care, understanding, support and graces.

Thank You and God Bless
Kent & Jennifer Hill and Family

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Richard Andrew

ANGOLA — Richard Lee "Dick" Andrew, 78, died Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Andrew had owned and operated the "Suds ur Duds" laundromat and car wash. He retired in 1985.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Andrew was a former member of the Angola Masonic Lodge and the Pokagon Shrine Club.

He was born May 29, 1931, in Angola to Arlin Arthur and Wandalee (Brooks) Andrew. He married Jean M. Anstett on October 7, 1951.

Surviving are his wife, Jean (Anstett) Andrew of Angola, Ind.; two daughters, Vickie Lee Andrew of Fairfield, Ohio, and Cheryl Lynn and Dan Weber of Fort Wayne, Ind.; three grandchildren, Travis (Kelly) Weber, Zachary (Melissa) Weber and Cody Weber; two brothers, Robert C. Andrew and Don A. Andrew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2010, at Angola United Methodist Church with Pastor Tim Terrell. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County, Indiana.

Calling will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2010, at the church.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital or the Angola United Methodist Church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Charles Traster

FORT WAYNE — Charles A. Traster, 80, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett died Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Glenbrook Rehab in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Willis Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Willis Bontrager, 74, of Shipshewana died Friday, May 21, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W 100 N, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery in rural Shipshewana.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Gospel for Asia.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Athna Gamble

KENDALLVILLE — Athna Gamble, 80, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Gamble was a homemaker. She had been employed at No-Sag for 20 years and retired from Taylor Made in 1999 after 19 years of service.

She attended the Brimfield Revival Center.

Mrs. Gamble

Mrs. Gamble was born in Patton Fork, Floyd County, Ky., on July 11, 1929, to Warnie and Cora (Patton) Stephens. She married Farris Gamble on April 12, 1948, in Paintsville, Ky., and he preceded her death Nov. 27, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Nadine Howard of Salt Lick, Ky.; four sons, Eddie Gamble of Kendallville, Junior and Mindy Gamble of Fort Wayne, Michael Gamble of Kendallville and Dill Gamble of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Bertha Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Susie Miller of Mishawaka, Melba Miller of Wolcottville, Herma Tuttle of Auburn, Harweda and Carl Clark of Hicksville, Ohio, Brenda and Beckam Davidson of Auburn and Carla and Rob Bleck of Coldwater, Mich.; and four brothers, Willie Stephens of Corunna, Clinton and Jeanne Stephens of Waterloo, Grover Stephens of Waterloo and Gary and Kerry Stephens of Quincy, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Woodie Gamble; three brothers, Clayton, Cletus and Henry; and two sisters, Edna and Collie.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield with Pastor Brett Frick officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be her sons and her grandsons, Bobby and Michael Gamble.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Brimfield Revival Center.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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His heart was in serving

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The late Guy Mausteller, left, presents the "Firefighter of the Year" award to John Jackson of the Hamilton Fire Department in this undated photo. Mausteller, who died May 2, was active in the DeKalb-Steuben Firefighters Association.

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BY JEFF JONES
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BUTLER — Former Mayor Guy Mausteller was devoted to public service and safety and doing what was best for people.

Mausteller died May 2 in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extensive public service career. As a member of the U.S. Army, he was served at the Pentagon and in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

Born in Pennsylvania, after the war Mausteller served with volunteer fire departments in his home state and in St. Joe after moving to this area. He was a former member of the DeKalb-Steuben Firefighters Association and was honored by that organization as its "Firefighter of the Year" in 1977.

Mausteller was a member of the Butler Lions Club and Forest Lodge Masonic chapter in Butler. In 1980, he began the first of two years as Butler's mayor.

"His heart was in public service and public safety," explained Mausteller's son, Ron.

"His philosophy was, 'I'm here to serve, not to be served.' That's probably the easiest way for me to describe his lifestyle," Ron Mausteller added. "Being able to help others gave him the satisfaction. That's all that mattered."

"His heart was in public service and public safety," he said. "That started right after high school and college. He was a police officer, firefighter, Mason, Lion, VFW. Anything to help people out, he was quick to go do that. He made sure he did his part to serve."

Retired Butler police officer Jerry Ladd, who served as chief under Mausteller, recalled one of the mayor's public relations efforts with the police department.

"We would go out at noon and find someone with out-of-state plates," Ladd explained. "We would compliment them on their driving and ask them to lunch.

"I thought to myself, 'This will never work, people will be mad, they won't want to stop,'" Ladd recalled. "Without exception, they were extremely pleased and happy. I think only one business person, who had a meeting to go to, didn't accept."

During lunch, Mausteller would tell the visitors about Butler, its history and its people, while asking the visitors where they were from and where they were headed.

"We'd get thank-you cards," Ladd said. Years later, a younger couple visiting the community shared a story of how their parents were stopped for lunch in Butler, and how they wanted to visit Butler for themselves.

"All the mayors I had the opportunity to work with were exceptional, but Guy actually lived the job," Ladd said.

"Any time there was an emergency in Butler, he was there," Ladd continued. "He never tried to take over or anything, but the first things he would ask is, 'What can I do?' and 'What do you need?'"

Mausteller always made sure others got the spotlight, even if something was his idea.

"Guy was very happy to stay in the background," Ladd said. "He wanted other people to get the recognition. That's a trait you don't find very often in human beings."

David Kandel, who served with Mausteller as a Mason in Forest Lodge No. 239 of Butler, shared similar sentiments.

"I think what most impressed me about Guy was his gentle spirit. He led by example and didn't ask of others (something) he wasn't willing to do or hadn't done himself," Kandel said. "If a labor needed to be performed, often he would to attend to it anonymously out of the goodness of his heart. He didn't seek accolades; rather, his approach was to do the right thing."

"He would do something for us, but he wouldn't let us do anything for him," Ron Mausteller said. "If someone gave him something, he would give them something back in return. He was extremely organized — even the funeral — everything was written down and taken care of. Everything was to the letter.

"He didn't want anyone to suffer around him — he wanted to make sure everyone was taken care of."

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William Freistroffer

SOUTH MILFORD — William Freistroffer, 66, passed away Friday, May 21, 2010 at his home on Big Long Lake.

Mr. Freistroffer

Born in Fort Wayne, William Worked as a press operator with General Electric for 27 years.

William was a U.S. Army veteran, and was also a member of the American Legion in Rome City and the Eagles in Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife Julie Freistroffer of Fort Wayne; daughter, Toni (Ryan) Reuille of Fort Wayne; son, Patrick (Kim) Shuler of Cape Coral, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

William was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Harriett Freistroffer.

Service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service.

Visitation is also from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday.

Burial is in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Bishop Luers High School Scholarship Fund.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Willis Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Willis Bontrager, 74, of Shipshewana, died Friday, May 21, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bontrager

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, Mr. Bontrager was a farmer and had worked at Yoder's Hardware in Shipshewana. He was a member of the Calvary Chapel Fellowship in Stroh.

Mr. Bontrager was born on July 26, 1935 in Nappanee, to Joseph and Maude (Yoder) Bontrager. On January 13, 1955 in Shipshewana, he married Vera L. Miller. Mrs. Bontrager survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Michael E. and Lynn Bontrager, Stephen A. and Mindy Bontrager, Todd R. and Donna Bontrager, and Matthew E. and Tana Bontrager, all of Shipshewana, and Bradley J. and Janee Bontrager of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary and Bud Mohler of Millersburg, and Edna Schrader of Centreville, Mich.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Oleta Bontrager and Dave and Sue Bontrager, all of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W 100 N, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery in rural Shipshewana.

Visitation will be today from 2-8 pm at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

Memorials may be made to Gospel for Asia.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Carol Hart

LAGRANGE — Carol A. Hart, 64, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at her residence.

A graveside service will be Saturday, June 12, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Terry Hart, 540 Maple Ridge, LaGrange, Ind.

Eugene Hornett

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene "Abe" Hornett, 88, died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Angola entrepreneur Waters dies

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Dick Waters, the former co-owner of Don & Dick's Flowers in Angola, and later a maintenance and distribution worker for KPC Media Group, died Sunday at age 64.

Waters was an avid golfer and fan of Indiana University, and particularly former IU coach Bobby Knight. Born in Garrett, Waters grew to love flowers.

He worked at Throop's Greenhouse in Angola for several years before being drafted in the armed forces, former business partner Don Koomler said Sunday.

"I had been there for several years before Dick started working there," Koomler said.

Waters returned to the greenhouse after returning from the armed forces, serving in Vietnam, and a few years later, as the Throops prepared to retire, the two decided to go into business for themselves.

"We were in business for 16-and-a-half years," Koomler said. "He was a nice person to work with."

Koomler said Waters had primarily worked in the Throop's greenhouse, but took on flower design duties when the two went into business together. The two sold their business in 1995 to Baker's Acres.

Before retiring in 2008, Waters did general labor for The Herald Republican then for KPC Media Group after the company acquired the Angola newspaper. Waters was a friendly face to see each morning as reporters, editors and designers put the finishing touches on the

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WATERS: *Asked how he was doing, he answered, 'C-plus.'*

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papers before they went out to be printed and delivered, and was always prepared with kind words, a joke or friendly conversation.

Larry Davis got to know Waters in the mid-1970s, after he returned from his time in the service. Davis and Waters became fast friends, especially around the golf course, perhaps Waters' favorite place.

"He loved it, absolutely loved it," Davis said of Waters' feelings about the game. "The last year or so we were playing two, three times a week."

Davis said Waters had recently been talking a great deal of how happy he was that his grandson had taken up the game.

"He's going to be missed by a lot of people, I can tell you that," Davis said.

Waters had a signature reply for when people asked him how he was doing.

"C-plus," he always replied with a smile on his face.

He was such a fan of IU that he wore something with the Indiana emblem on a daily basis — until the day Knight was fired. Then he would only wear red shirts and hats, but nothing with an IU logo.

Services for Waters are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Richard Waters

HAMILTON — Richard L. Waters, 64, of Hamilton died May 22, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com

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Eugene Hornett

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Charles "Abe" Hornett, 88, died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with a rosary service held at 5 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials to East Noble High School Marching Band

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Donna Stanford

FORT WAYNE — Donna Jean Stanford, 71, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the chapel at the St. Anne Home, 1900 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne. Calling will be at the chapel, after noon on Tuesday until the hour of the service. Interment will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Robert Sherman

COLDWATER, Mich. — Robert F. Sherman, 71, died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Gillespie Funeral Home, 27 Marshall St., Coldwater, Mich.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at East Gilead Cemetery in Branch County, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to East Gilead Missionary Church

To leave a message or condolences to the family, visit www.gillespiefh.com

Lori Wade

COLUMBIA CITY — Lori Jo Wade, 51, of Ormas, died at 11:10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2010, at her home.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at later date at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier.

Arrangements are being completed at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Richard Waters

HAMILTON — Richard L. "Dick" Waters, 64, of Hamilton died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Waters

Mr. Waters worked for KPC Media Group and had been a co-owner of Don & Dick's Flowers, Angola. He served in the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Hamilton American Legion, a 30-year member of the Sunday Morning Golf League, an IU fan and an avid golfer with five holes-in-one. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born Sept. 1, 1945, in Garrett to Russell and Wilma (Hantz) Waters.

He married Patricia (Haskins) Waters on July 23, 1967. She survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are his mother, Wilma Hantz Waters Draper of Coldwater, Mich.; a son, Lance Waters and his wife, April, of Kendallville; a daughter, Robin Waters-Fechtman and her husband, Robert, of Indianapolis; two brothers, Tom Waters and wife, Doris, of Indianapolis and Ed Waters and his wife, Anne, of Fort Wayne; one sister, Patty Jolley of Coldwater, Mich.; his mother-in-Law, June Haskins of Hamilton; a brother-in-law, James Haskins and his wife, Ruth; and seven grandchildren, Logan and Alex Waters, Ariel Lawson, Benjamin and Joshua Fechtman and Kyle and Kory Dunafin.

He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Waters; a stepfather, Don Draper; and a brother-in-law, Santford Jolley.

Private graveside services will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, Mich.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

Letea Busche

ANGOLA — Letea F. Busche, 83, died Sunday, May 23, 2010 at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.

She was born April 10, 1927 in Wabash to Reuben and Bessie (Sharp) Campbell.

She was the former owner of Timberlane Resort in Ontario, Canada, and retired from JC Penney.

Survivors include two sons Michael (Linda) Busche of Angola and Jeff (Tammy) Busche of Houston, Texas; a daughter Vicki Ober of Prescott, Ariz.; a sister Cathy Pretorious of Arizona; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Pamela Goslee, a sister, Janet Gerber, and a granddaughter, Brittany Ober.

No services or visitation will be held at this time.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Helen Eme

HUDSON — Helen "Rusty" Eme, 66, passed away Friday, May 21, 2010 at her home in Hudson.

Born in Muncie, she worked as a clerk with Dana Corp. for 32 years and retired in 2000.

Mrs. Eme

She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Stroh, Indiana.

Rusty enjoyed reading and loved her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Elwood "Woody" M. Eme; daughters, Erin (Brad) Bullerman of Woodburn, and Nicole (Joshua) Campbell of Cleveland, Ohio; son, Joshua (Danielle Irons) Eme of Hudson; grandchildren, Madison, Ana and Camden Bullerman, Cortlon and Chloe Campbell; three brothers and four sisters.

Service is 10 a.m. Thursday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 10275 E. 550 S., Stroh, with the Rev. James Elsner officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Burial in Prince of Peace Cemetery, Stroh.

Memorials may be made to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Paul Schall

ANGOLA — Paul B. Schall, 79, of Angola died Monday, May 24, 2010, at 5:45 a.m. in St. Anne Retirement Home in Fort Wayne following an illness of one year.

Mr. Schall

Mr. Schall retired in 1990 from NIPSCO, where he was chief clerk of customer accounts with over 40 years of service.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis Club, all in Angola. He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School with the class of 1948. He served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Army.

He was born June 5, 1930, in Monroeville to Lawrence A. Schall and Christina W. (Linder) Schall. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary "Peg" McArdle on Jan. 28, 1956, in the St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church in New Haven, and she died March 24, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughter-in-law, Anthony L. and Rose Schall of Fort Wayne and Charles E. Schall of Oakland Park, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Patty A. (Bruce) DeLucenay of Angola; three sisters, Mary Jacquay and Agnes Dawson, both of Monroeville, and Celestine Schall of Milwaukee, Wis.; two brothers, Henry "Jack" Schall and Theodore "Ted" Schall, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Schall (an infant), Dolores Kleber and Theresa Lerch; and three brothers, Leo Schall (an infant), Tony Schall and Joe Schall.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Calling wil be Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are Masses or gifts to St. Anthony Catholic Church or donations to the activity room at St. Anne's Retirement Home.

For complete obituary information and to sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com

Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, is in charge of the service.

Antonette Shank

HOWE — Antonette "Toni" Shank, 62, of Howe, died Monday, May 24, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Shank

Mrs. Shank moved from Norfolk, Va., to LaGrange County in October 1969. She was a homemaker and attained the 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

She was born Sept. 1, 1947, in Houston, Texas, to Jerry and Marie (Gouras) Logaras. Her mother survives in Wheeling, Ill., and her father preceded her in death.

On Jan. 3, 1967, in Norfolk, Va., she married Lawton F. Shank. He survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Byron and Keely Shank of LaGrange and Kriston and Amber Shank of Three Rivers, Mich.; five grandchildren; a sister, Kathryn Parkos of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and a brother, Harral Logaras of Winthrop Harbor, Ill.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at LaGrange First United Methodist Church, 209 W. Spring St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Stroke and Heart Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Eugene Hornett

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Charles “Abe” Hornett, 88, of Kendallville died on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Hornett

Mr. Hornett was born in Kendallville on November 16, 1921, to the late John and Mary (Sobieski) Hornett.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940, where he played basketball, and entered the United States Army in 1942 serving his country during World War II. He belonged to Company B 329th Engineer Combat Battalion and earned the WWII Victory Medal, American Service Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal before his honorable discharge in 1945.

He was first married to Kathleen Ley who preceded his death in 1964 at the young age of 41.

Abe later married Clemathene Marie “Tootie” (Hart) Hornett on May 7, 1966, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, and she preceded his death on April 19, 2009.

He was formerly employed with International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

Abe was a life member of the V.F.W. Post 2749 and a member of American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge, all in Kendallville.

Abe enjoyed gardening, traveling when he was younger and watching horse racing. He loved spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren. Notre Dame football was a real passion in Abe’s life.

Survivors include: stepdaughter, Michele and Dave Kilgore of Wolcottville; stepgrandsons, David Barranda, U.S. Navy stationed at Fort Gordon at Augusta, Georgia, and Michael and Lisa Barranda of Fort Wayne; stepgreat-grandchildren, Christina and Jonah Barranda; sister, Ethel Taylor of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by an infant son, Trent Hornett, who died in 1946; his five sisters, Elizabeth Knott, Leona Konger, Josephine Holbrook, Helen Graham and Theresa Owens; and his three brothers, Edward, Stephen and James Hornett.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. with a vigil at 6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Father James Stoyle will lead the vigil.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, May 27, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, at the corner of Diamond and Oak Streets in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral mass will be Father James Stoyle. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be David Barranda, Michael Barranda, Steve Owen, Tom Novy, Dave Kilgore and Jane Wasnick. Honorary bearers are Joe Hornett, Bud Smith and Charlie Knott.

Preferred memorials may be made to East Noble Knights Marching Band.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home.

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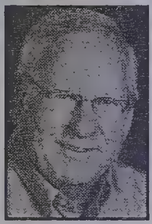
Kenneth Boseker

WATERLOO — Kenneth A. "Ken" Boseker, 69, died Sunday, May 23, 2010, at his home in rural Waterloo.


Mr. Boseker

He was born March 7, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Arthur F. and Erna K. (Kruse) Boseker. They preceded him in death.

He served in the Army National Guard. He was a graduate of Concordia High School. He then went on to receive his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Valparaiso University.

He was the owner and operator of the Boseker CPA firm in Kendallville for 30 years before retiring in 2004. Prior to establishing his own business, he worked 12 years for different CPA firms around the area.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He was also a member of the Indiana CPA Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Boseker was a board member of the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville. He was also an avid golfer.

He married Donna J Martin on Oct. 24, 1987, in Auburn. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Todd A. Boseker of North Vernon, and Chad R. and Stephanie Boseker of Jeffersonville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna J. and Brent Hooley of Shipshewana, and Julie L. and Rob Sagerl of Greensboro, N.C.; three stepsons and spouses, David E. Martin of Wadsworth, Ohio, Daniel C. and Christine Martin of Fort Wayne, and Donovan P. and Camille Martin of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry A. and Jennifer Boseker and their son, Thomas, of Fort Wayne; a sister, Shelia A. Boseker of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concordia High School Foundation or the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Clarice Schechter

MARGATE, N.J. — Clarice Schechter, 93, of Margate, N.J., died Monday, May 24, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Ms. Schechter

She owned her own homemade purse and leather goods store on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, N.J. She recently had moved to Steuben County and had lived at Cameron Woods in Angola.

She was born Nov. 7, 1916, in Vetnor, N.J., to Samuel and Kathryn (Greenberg) Schechter.

Surviving are a nephew, Joe Rauen of Fremont; a niece, Laura Caponi of Elgin, Ill.; and several great-nieces great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Florence Rauen, and a brother, Harold Schechter.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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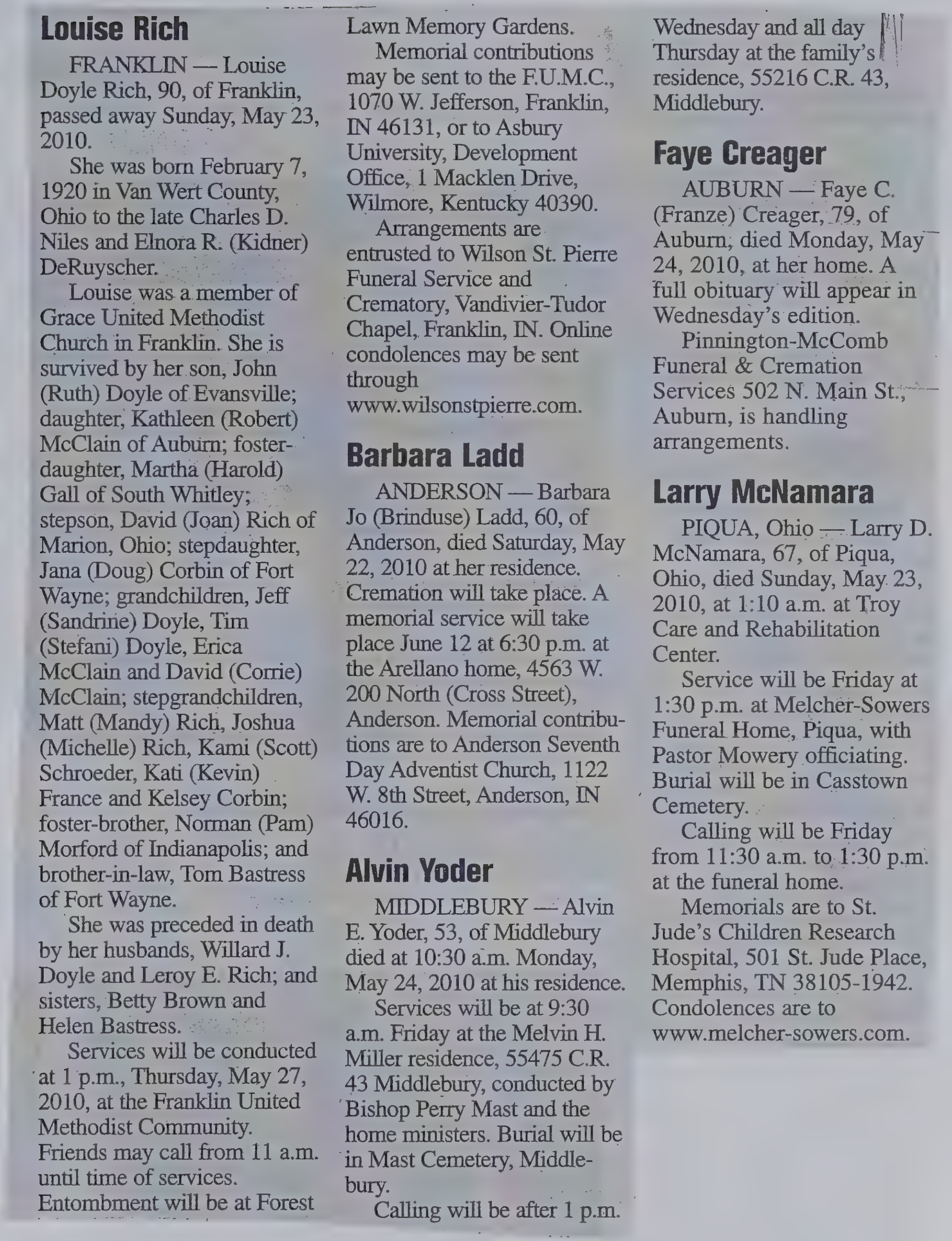

Louise Rich

FRANKLIN — Louise Doyle Rich, 90, of Franklin, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2010.

She was born February 7, 1920 in Van Wert County, Ohio to the late Charles D. Niles and Elnora R. (Kidner) DeRuyscher.

Louise was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin. She is survived by her son, John (Ruth) Doyle of Evansville; daughter, Kathleen (Robert) McClain of Auburn; foster-daughter, Martha (Harold) Gall of South Whitley; stepson, David (Joan) Rich of Marion, Ohio; stepdaughter, Jana (Doug) Corbin of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Jeff (Sandrine) Doyle, Tim (Stefani) Doyle, Erica McClain and David (Corrie) McClain; stepgrandchildren, Matt (Mandy) Rich, Joshua (Michelle) Rich, Kami (Scott) Schroeder, Kati (Kevin) France and Kelsey Corbin; foster-brother, Norman (Pam) Morford of Indianapolis; and brother-in-law, Tom Bastress of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Willard J. Doyle and Leroy E. Rich; and sisters, Betty Brown and Helen Bastress.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2010, at the Franklin United Methodist Community. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of services. Entombment will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the F.U.M.C., 1070 W. Jefferson, Franklin, IN 46131, or to Asbury University, Development Office, 1 Macklen Drive, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Vandivier-Tudor Chapel, Franklin, IN. Online condolences may be sent through www.wilsonstpierre.com.

Barbara Ladd

ANDERSON — Barbara Jo (Brinduse) Ladd, 60, of Anderson, died Saturday, May 22, 2010 at her residence. Cremation will take place. A memorial service will take place June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Arellano home, 4563 W. 200 North (Cross Street), Anderson. Memorial contributions are to Anderson Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1122 W. 8th Street, Anderson, IN 46016.

Alvin Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Alvin E. Yoder, 53, of Middlebury died at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2010 at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Melvin H. Miller residence, 55475 C.R. 43 Middlebury, conducted by Bishop Perry Mast and the home ministers. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the family's residence, 55216 C.R. 43, Middlebury.

Faye Creager

AUBURN — Faye C. (Franze) Creager, 79, of Auburn, died Monday, May 24, 2010, at her home. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Larry McNamara

PIQUA, Ohio — Larry D. McNamara, 67, of Piqua, Ohio, died Sunday, May 23, 2010, at 1:10 a.m. at Troy Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Service will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Melcher-Sowers Funeral Home, Piqua, with Pastor Mowery officiating. Burial will be in Casstown Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Condolences are to www.melcher-sowers.com.

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Virgil Resler

WAWAKA — Virgil L. "Jack" Resler, 89, formerly of Wawaka and currently residing at Life Care Center in LaGrange, died on Monday, May 24, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Resler

Mr. Resler was born in Elkhart Township, Noble County, on May 13, 1921 to the late Floyd D. and Hazel Berdina (Boley) Resler.

He graduated from Wawaka High School and served his country in the United States Army from June 1944 until November 1945 during World War II. Purple Heart recipient, Pfc. Resler, belonged to Company G 87th Mountain Infantry and fought in the European Theatre where he received the American Service medal, African Middle Eastern Service medal and the WWII Victory medal.

He married his wife of 57 years, Glema Lucille Lauer, on May 14, 1943 in Wawaka.

The Reslers' made their home on the Elkhart River near Wawaka at Duke's Bridge. They also enjoyed wintering for many years at Clarmont, Florida. Glema preceded him in death on Jan. 2, 2001.

Jack supervised the portable asphalt plant for Reith-Riley Construction and the asphalt plant for Hipskind Construction out of Fort Wayne. He worked in the construction business for about 30 years total before retiring in 1982.

Jack also owned and operated Indian Lakes Marina on Westler Lake for 19 years from 1963-1982.

He was proud to have been a 50-year member of the Operating Engineers International Union 103 based out of Fort Wayne.

Jack enjoyed years of fishing in Florida and fishing trips to Wisconsin. He was a member of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and Jack looked forward to his daily visits to the Legion to visit with the guys. He also loved his spending time with his children and grandchildren and he was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James and Deborah Resler of Moorpark, Calif.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Anita and Paul Wilson of Oliver Lake near Wolcottville, Kaye Schnurr of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Jean and Charles "Pete" Price of Cleveland, Ala.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Bill Jordan of Astatula, Fla.; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Phillip "Bud" and Mabel Lauer of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Tom Schnurr on Jan. 23, 2010.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Omer Nisley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Preferred Memorials may be made to LaGrange County Relay For Life, Nisco Team, for the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

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William Osterholt

FORT WAYNE — William L. "Billy O." Osterholt, 59, passed away Saturday, May 22, 2010 at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Osterholt

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner of Ajax Tool Inc. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church and Orchard Ridge Country Club. He was an avid golfer who loved his family and enjoyed gardening and fishing. Bill was also an accomplished Marathon runner.

He is survived by his wife, Kim Osterholt of Fort Wayne; son, William Osterholt Jr. of Fort Wayne; step-daughter, Christina Mixtaj of Fort Wayne; stepson, Jeffrey Stevens of Auburn; grandchildren, Penelope and Mikayla; siblings, Steve (Janet) Osterholt of Roanoke, Jen (Dick) McComb of Canton, Ga., Ann Woodfill of Fort Wayne, twin brother, Robert (Jane) Osterholt of Angola, Mary (Roger) Williams of Gustavus, Ark., Jerome (Debbie) Osterholt of Roanoke, Jane (Hank) Roberts of Ithaca, N.Y., and Tom (Erin) Osterholt of San Antonio, Texas.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Marjorie Osterholt, and brother, John Osterholt.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 South Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior, with Fr. Cyril Fernandes officiating. Calling also is from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, with rosary at 8:30 p.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. John the Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to mungovanandsons.com

Faye Creager

AUBURN — Faye C. (Franze) Creager, 79, of Auburn, died Monday May 24, 2010 at her home.

Mrs. Creager

Born March 27, 1931 in Kendallville, she was the daughter of the late William and Edith Franze.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Donna Franze of Auburn, and 29 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Creager, brothers, Herman, William, Devereaux, Richard and Everett Franze, and sisters, Marie Hosler, Edythe Nartker, Ruth Doub and Jeanette Cox.

A memorial service will take place Thursday at 4 p.m. with memorial calling two hours prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

To sign the online guest book or to leave the family a condolence, visit pinnington-mccomb.com

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Raymond Tearney

FREMONT — Raymond R. Tearney, 82, of Clear Lake, Fremont, died Monday, May 24, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tearney

Mr. Tearney was the retired director of pupil personnel and guidance services at the Four County Career Center, Archbold, Ohio, and formerly was with Bryan City Schools and Edon Community Schools.

He graduated from Reading High School, Reading, Mich., Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Science degree in education and Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., with a master's degree in education.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church, Fremont, and the Montgomery American Legion.

He was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Reading, Mich., to Ruel H. and Myrna (Lockwood) Tearney.

He married Christine V. Wills on April 23, 1949, and she survives at Clear Lake, Fremont.

Also surviving are four daughters and spouses, Kathleen "Kit" and Eric Tyler of Fremont, Bridgett Tearney of Fremont, Megan and Darren Zink of Fort Wayne and Kristin and Tim Fee of Angola; four sons and spouses, Patrick and Mary Fran Tearney of Port Washington, Wis., Kevin and Lynn Tearney of Perrysburg, Ohio, Michael Tearney of Bryan, Ohio, and Timothy and Kim Tearney of Fremont; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edward Tearney of Reading.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Harold Tearney, and a sister, Helen Stone.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake, Fremont, with Fr. Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Ray-Covenanter Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. A rosary service will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Steven Mangona

KENDALLVILLE — Steven Anthony Mangona, 61, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Sunday May 23, 2010, at the Loyola University Hospital in Maywood, Ill., due to an industrial accident that occurred at the Unilever Hammond Plant in Hammond, Ind.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Edward Erpelding and Father Cam Tirabassi officiating.

Visitation will be on Thursday 2 to 8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 North Main Street, Avilla. The rosary will be recited following the visitation. An additional hour of calling will be held one hour prior to the mass on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made in memory of Steve to Masses or a Trust Fund to the grandchildren.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Athna Gamble, 80

Athna Gamble, age 80, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Gamble was born in Patton Fork, Floyd County, Kentucky, on July 11, 1929 to the late Warnie and Cora (Patton) Stephens.

She married Farris Gamble on April 12, 1948 in Paintsville, Kentucky and he preceded her death November 27, 2003.

Athna was a homemaker and factory worker. She was employed with No-Sag for 20 years and she retired from Taylor Made in 1999 after 19 years of service there.

She attended the Brimfield Revival Center.

Survivors include: daughter, Nadine Howard of Salt Lick, Kentucky; four sons, Eddie Gamble of Kendallville, Junior and Mindy Gamble of Fort Wayne, Michael Gamble of Kendallville, Dill Gamble of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Bertha Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Susie Miller of Mishawaka, Melba Miller of Wolcottville, Herma Tuttle of Auburn, Harweda and Carl Clark of Hicksville, Ohio, Brenda and Beckam Davidson of Auburn and Carla and Rob Bleck of Coldwater, Michigan; four brothers; Willie Stephens, Corunna, Clinton and Jeanne Stephens, Waterloo, Grover Stephens, Waterloo, and Gary and Kerry Stephens, Quincy, Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Woodie Gamble; brothers, Clayton, Cletus, and Henry; and sisters, Edna and Collie.

Funeral services were Monday, May 24, 2010 at the Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Brett Frick.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers were her four sons, Eddie, Junior, Mike and Dill, and grandsons, Bobby and Michael Gamble.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Brimfield Revival Center.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lori Jo Wade, 51

Lori Jo Wade, 51, of Ormas, passed on to the Lord at 11:10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2010 at her home. She had been in failing health since 1998.

She was born December 28, 1958 in Fort Wayne, Indiana a daughter of Robert and Virginia (Crescibene) Reister. Her formative years were spent at Tri Lakes and she completed her education at Columbia City Joint High School.

On May 21, 1975 she married Duane H. Wade in Paulding, Ohio. They made their home at Tri Lakes until moving to Ormas in 1983.

She was a restaurant manager for more than 10 years and a home healthcare provider for five years.

Stones Hill Community Church in Ligonier was her church of membership.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she is survived by her husband, Duane; three children, Christopher (Julie) Wade of Huntington, Heidi Jo (William) Elyea of Naperville, IL and Jonathon Wade at home; three grandchildren, Jessica & Lorelei Elyea and Everett Jackson Wade; a brother and a sister, Robert Raymond Reister and Regina Reister, both of Fort Wayne.

Lori was also a foster parent to nine children. Because of her love for all of her children, she was The Post & Mail's Mother of the Year in 1986.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at a later date at Stones Hill Community Church, Ligonier.

Arrangements are being completed at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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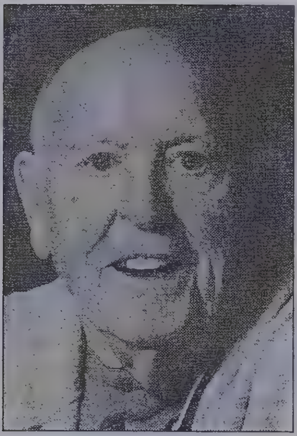

Eugene Charles "Abe" Hornett, 88

Eugene Charles "Abe" Hornett, age 88, of Kendallville died on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Hornett was born in Kendallville on November 16, 1921 to the late John and Mary (Sobieski) Hornett.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940, where he played basketball, and entered the United States Army in 1942 serving his country during WWII. He belonged to Company B 329th Engineer Combat Battalion and earned the WWII Victory Medal, American Service Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal before his honorable discharge in 1945.

He was first married to Kathleen Ley who preceded his death in 1964 at the young age of 41.

Abe later married, Clemathene Marie "Tootie" (Hart) Hornett on May 7, 1966 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and she preceded his death on April 19, 2009.

He was formerly employed with International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

Abe was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #2749 and a member of American Legion Post #86 both in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge all in Kendallville.

Abe enjoyed gardening, travelling when he was younger and watching horse racing.

He loved spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

Notre Dame Football was a real passion in Abe's life.

Survivors include: Stepdaughter, Michele and Dave Kilgore of Wolcottville. Step-grandsons, David Barranda, U.S. Navy stationed at Fort Gordon at Augusta, Georgia, and Michael and Lisa Barranda of Fort Wayne.

Step-great-grandchildren, Christina and Jonah Barranda.

Sister, Ethel Taylor of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by an infant son, Trent Hornett, who died in 1946; his five sisters, Elizabeth Knott, Leona Konger, Josephine Holbrook, Helen Graham, and Theresa Owens; and his three brothers, Edward, Stephen, and James Hornett.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010, from 2:00-5:00 pm with a rosary vigil at 5:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Fr. James Stoyle will lead the rosary service.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 11:00 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, at the corner of Diamond and Oak Streets in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral mass will be Fr. James Stoyle.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be David Barranda, Michael Barranda, Steve Owen, Tom Novy, Dave Kilgore, and Jane Wasnick.

Honorary bearers are Joe Hornett, Bud Smith and Charlie Knott.

Preferred Memorials may be made to East Noble Knights Marching Band.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Beecher L. Stephens, 91

Beecher L. Stephens, age 91, of Kendallville, died Wednesday morning, May 19, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Stephens was born in Albany, Kentucky on August 6, 1918 to the late Jeff and Flora Mae (Phillips) Stephens. He served his country in the United States Navy during WWII.

He first married Wilma Claudine Franklin November 20,1937 in Albany, Kentucky.

Beecher and Wilma were married for 62 years and she was the mother to their 14 children before her passing on September 27, 1999. After Wilma's death, Beecher was blessed to have met Joanne (Myers) Cline. They were married December 26, 2002 in Indianapolis and Joanne survives him in Kendallville.

Beecher retired from the Kendallville Foundry after many years of service.

Deeply dedicated to his Christian faith, he was a member of the Church of God in Wolcottville.

Beecher enjoyed story telling and spending time with his family. He enjoyed gardening and canning, and he loved to make jelly and share it with others for them to enjoy.

Survivors include: wife, Joanne Stephens of Kendallville; four sons; Bobby Stephens of Stroh and Buddy and Louise Stephens of Rufus, Oregon, Rick and Sheila Stephens of Laotto, Mike and Patty Stephens of Atwater, California; six daughters; Patricia and Maurice Hoover, Bentonville, Arkansas, Brenda and Robert Radcliff, Chicago, IL, Sharon and Glenn Jessie, Chicago, IL, Diana Glant, Kendallville, Sandy and Mick Shook, Kendallville, Kim and Ted Shook, Kendallville, Kathy and Ken Schwab, Springfield, Tennessee; step-daughters, Janice Dingess, Indianapolis and Bonnie Moore, Corinth, IL, 26 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Brother; Eugene and Doris Stephens of Dayton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his daughters, Geraldine Stephens, Rebecca Byrum in 2008 and Charlotte Eichorn, who died February 18, 2009. He was also prededed in death by his sisters, Lucille Gibson and Juanita Dory.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Gene Suffridge.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Military honors at the graveside were given by V.F.W Post #2749 of Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Rick Stephens, Ben Stephens, Glenn Jessie, Mick Shook, Ted Shook, Matthew Shook, and Aaron Stephens.

The family wishes that any memorials given, be made to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Man dies in factory accident

Rural Kendallville man had job in Hammond

HAMMOND (AP) — State inspectors have checked a northwestern Indiana factory where a Kendallville man was killed Sunday in an industrial accident.

Mangona

Authorities say 61-year-old Steve Mangona of Kendallville suffered fatal multiple crushing injuries at the Unilever soap factory in Hammond.

United Steelworkers officials say Mangona was an electrician who was crushed by a heavy metal cover he was lifting with a remote-controlled crane.

Marc Lotter, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Labor, said Tuesday investigators from the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration still are interviewing witnesses, and it was too early to speculate on what caused the incident.

Lotter said no other workers suffered injuries in the incident.

Unilever spokeswoman Anita Larsen said: "We're deeply saddened by this tragedy. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family. We are working with OSHA and other authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into the accident. We believe Steve was working with a very heavy piece of equipment when the accident occurred. We don't have all the details at this time."

Mangona grew up in Fort Wayne, but had lived in Noble County for the past 40 years.

He worked the past two years for Unilever at the Hammond plant as an electric maintenance technician.

Survivors include three sons and five grandchildren.

A complete obituary for Mangona is on Page A4.

Steve Mangona

KENDALLVILLE — Steven Anthony Mangona, 61, of rural Kendallville died unexpectedly on Sunday May 23, 2010 at 6:17 p.m. at Loyola University Hospital, Maywood, Ill., due to an industrial accident at the Unilever Hammond plant in Hammond, Ind.

Mr. Mangona

Steve was born on Nov. 4, 1948 in Fort Wayne to Frank and Lois Mangona. His mother survives in Fort Wayne, and his father preceded him in death this year.

Steve grew up in Fort Wayne and had lived in Noble County for the last 40 years. He worked the past two two years for Unilever at the Hammond plant as an electric maintenance technician.

He was a member of the Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla, and enjoyed spending time with his family, at the lake, hunting, fishing, gardening and being with his friends.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Vincent and Meggan Mangona of Avilla, Anthony and Tiffany Mangona of Huntington, and Benjamin Mangona of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren, Ana Willard, Jordin and Kendra Mangona, Kynadee Burnham and Dylan Brothers; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carol Spears of Angola, and Mary and Robert Stark and Patty and Pat Kiel, all of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 28, 2010 at Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla with Fr. Edward Erpelding and Fr. Cam Tirabassi officiating.

Visitation is today from 2-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Rosary will be recited following visitation. An additional hour of visitation will be held one hour prior to the mass on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in memory of Steve to masses or a trust fund to the grandchildren.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Beverly Hathaway

GOSHEN — Beverly "Joan" Hathaway, 78, died Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in Garrett.

She had lived in Goshen from 1959-1976 and then moved back to Goshen in 2000.

Mrs. Hathaway

From 1976 to 1993, she served with her husband at several churches including Centinary United Methodist Church, Hammond, and First United Methodist Church, East Chicago.

She was a homemaker, a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She was actively involved in missions, loved to travel and read, and family was very important to her.

Mrs. Hathaway was born on Jan. 11, 1932 in Muncie to Charles R. and Ethel B. (Jones) Lewellen. She married Lewis A. Hathaway in Muncie on Jan. 14, 1956. He preceded her in death Jan. 22, 2002.

She is survived by two daughters, Teresa (Tom) Wilhelm, Garrett, and Trinda (Eric) Copeland, Cedar Lake; a son, Jim (Connie) Hathaway, Muncie; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a sister, Lynn Alber, Goshen; and a brother, Charles (Bea) Lewellen of California.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, was a son, Max Hathaway, and a grandson, Ira.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, East Chicago. Burial will follow in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

E.M. Arthur Jr.

ALBION — E. M. Arthur Jr., 62, died at his home in Albion, on Friday, May 21, 2010.

Per Mr. Arthur's request, there will be no visitation or funeral services.

Online condolences may be sent to his sister, Nancy Day, at day@ligtel.com

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Joyce Day

FREMONT — Joyce M. Day, 81, of Fremont, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully Monday, May 24, 2010 at her home following a long period of declining health.

Mrs. Day

She was born Dec. 22, 1928, in Toledo.

Joyce was an avid gardener and "mother" to everyone. She also rescued and cared for many stray animals throughout her life.

Joyce is survived by her father, Herman Robel; daughter, Kelly (Kirk) Crawford; sons Michael D. Day and Patrick Day; and grandchildren, Rebecca Jensen and Scott Crawford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Day, and her mother, Ethel Robel.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 28, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be sent at www.ansbergwest.com

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Christine Swanson

AUBURN — Christine Ann Swanson, 62, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at Indiana University Cancer Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Swanson worked as a social worker for Shelter Ministries in Auburn.

She attended the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Mrs. Swanson

She was born April 30, 1948, in Garrett. She married Gary Mark Swanson on March 16, 1973, in Fort Wayne. He passed away on July 31, 2008.

Surviving are her mother, Loretta Ann (Schmidt) Thomas of Auburn; five sons and daughters-in-law, Robert M. and Jennfier Swanson, Lebanon, Penn., Jeremy R. and Sarah Swanson, Germantown, Ohio, Travis J. and Nicole Swanson, Elkhart, Ashley P. and Stephanie Swanson, South Bend, and Sean M. Swanson, Auburn; six grandchildren, Emily, Abigail, Caden, Eva, Jada and Elijah; three brothers, Martin Thomas, Fort Wayne, Lester Thomas, Fort Wayne, and Wayne Thomas, Warsaw; and a sister, Lori Kline, New Haven.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 at New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to Shelter Ministries.

Jack Hough

BERNE — Jack D. Hough, 48, died Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Chalet Village Health Center in Berne.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2010 at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, Ind., with calling from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family through the funeral home, Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva IN 56740.

Gregory Beattie

BRYAN, OHIO — Gregory W. (A.J.) Beattie, 54, of Bryan, Ohio, and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at his residence.

He was employed at Quick Tanks, Inc., in Kendallville the past three years.

Mr. Beattie enjoyed gfishing, Harley Davidson motorcycles and spending time at Shaffer's Restaurant in Bryan each day.

On Sept. 25, 1955, he was born in Angola to Maurice J. and Florence M. (Delong) Beattie.

Surviving are his stepmother, Sharon Gambler Beattie; four sisters, Kathryn Spicer, Richmond, Ky., Cynthia Dohner, Bryan, Cherie (John) Magg, Ney, Ohio, and Candy Horn of Florida; five brothers, Gary Beattie, Edon, Ohio, Martin Beattie, Bushnell, Fla., Brian Beattie, Bryan, Russ Beattie, Montpelier, Ohio, and Lloyd and Tina Beattie; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Robin, and a nephew, Trevor.

Sevices will be Friday, May 28, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio, with Pastor Eric Wetzel officiating. Burial will be private for the family.

Visitation is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial tributes may be given to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

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Beverly Hathaway

GOSHEN — Beverly "Joan" Hathaway, 78, died Tuesday morning, May 25, 2010 in Garrett.

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Mrs. Hathaway

She had lived in Goshen from 1959-1976, and then moved back to Goshen in 2000. During the years between 1976 and 1993 she served with her husband in the ministry.

She was a homemaker, a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. Always actively involved with missions, she loved to travel and read, and family was very important to her.

Mrs. Hathaway is survived by daughters Teresa (Tom) Wilhelm, Garrett, and Trinda (Eric) Copeland, Cedar Lake; son, Jim (Connie) Hathaway, Muncie; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a sister, Lynn Alber, Goshen; and a brother, Charles (Bea) Lewellen of California.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Max Hathaway, and a grandson, Ira.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Goshen. Burial will follow in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Friends may call 5-8 p.m. today at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen.

Memorials may be made to Operation Classroom in care of St. Mark's United Methodist Church or Yoder-Culp Funeral Home.

Ned Place

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — Ned W. Place, 94, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, died at 3:35 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

He was born May 19, 1916 in Logan Township, Auglaize County, Ohio, the son of Stanley and Lela (Graessle) Place, who preceded him in death.

On Feb. 24, 1943 he married Barbara Durbin and she died April 24, 2000.

Surviving are five children, Sandra (Robert) Kattman of Whitefish Bay, Wis., Cynthia (Aaron) Hossler of Tiffin, Ohio, Milton (Lena) Place of Medina, Ohio, Stephanie Frederick of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary (Mark) Henry of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Gregory Hossler, Daniel (Angela) Kattman, Jason (Brandi) Kattman, Annaliesa Place, Anthony Place, Emily Frederick, Kyle Frederick and Tyler Henry; two great-grandchildren, Gwyneth and Eleanor Kattman; a brother, Stanley (Bernice) Place Jr., of Creswell, N.J.; and five sisters, Mary Kathryn (Dr. Robert) Baker of Wapakoneta, Betty (Dr. William) Pigozzi of Lima, Susan (James) Kinstle of Delphos, Ohio, Georgene Roth of Richmond, Va., and Karin (Tarlton) Whetstone of Wapakoneta.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Julia Mercer, and a brother, William Place.

A lifelong farmer, Mr. Place was a purebred shorthorn cattle breeder. He served as district director of U.S.D.A. Farmers Home Administration and also worked with the Shorthorn World Publishing Co. of Aurora, Ill.

A 1935 graduate of Buckland High School, Ned was a 1942 graduate of Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture education. His memberships included the American Shorthorn Association, the Auglaize County Cattlemen's Association and the O.S.U. Alumni Association.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 510, Wapakoneta. Burial will be in the Ft. Amanda Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Spencerville V.F.W. and the American Legion.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today and 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, the Ohio Junior Shorthorn Association or the Buckland Community Center.

Condolences may be left at bayliffandeleyfh.com

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Carolyn Balog

SOUTH BEND — Carolyn M. Mahnesmith Balog, O.D., 58, of South Bend passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 26, 2010, in her home.

She was born September 6, 1951, in South Bend, a daughter of Carmen D. & Violet Marian (Noe) Mahnesmith, and has remained a lifelong resident of this community.

Dr. Balog

Dr. Balog was a member of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, American Association of University Women, Indiana Optometric Association, American Optometric Association, North Central Optometric Society, National Organization of Women, Marshall County Leadership Association, and Marshall County Red Cross.

Music also played an important role in Carolyn's life. She played the flute in high school, and was involved in the All State Band. She was a member of the IUSB Wind Ensemble during college, and did a tour with the University of Notre Dame Band in 1970. She was member and flutist with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Michiana Community Band, and was instrumental in organizing the Bremen Community Band.

She graduated from Washington High School, South Bend, class of 1970, received her Bachelor's of Science in Education at Indiana University of South Bend, 1973, and her Doctor of Optometry from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1981.

On June 6, 1970, at Stewart Memorial Baptist Church, South Bend, Carolyn was united in marriage to Daniel C. Balog, who is currently Director of Bands at Riley High School.

She has served as an optometrist at the Balog Bremen Vision Center since 1981. She was a caring, compassionate, and loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. She also cared greatly for her many patients over the past twenty-nine years.

Along with her loving husband Dan, she is survived by two daughters, Dr. Staci-Marie (David) Norman, and Dr. Natali Marian (Mark Wenkus) Balog, of South Bend; and three grandchildren, Riley David Norman, Calla-Marie Norman, and Amelia Marian Wenkus. Also surviving is her sister, Marilyn Mahnesmith (Dr. Thomas) Johnson of Auburn, and a brother, Dr. Randolph C. (Kathy Woodruff) Mahnesmith of Fisherville, Virg.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her mother, Violet Mahnesmith on Dec. 15, 2008, and her father, Carmen Mahnesmith on July 4, 2009.

Services celebrating the life of Dr. Carolyn Balog will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan Street, South Bend. The Rev. Don Neely will officiate. Graveside services and burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery, Albion, at 3 p.m. Sunday. She will be laid to rest beside her parents.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel.

Expressions of sympathy on behalf of Dr. Balog may be offered to the Chibanzi Nursery School, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 333 West Colfax Street, South Bend, IN 46601, or to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

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Monta Ross

ANTWERP, Ohio — Monta Lee Ross, 89, of Antwerp, Ohio, died at 10:05 am, Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in Paulding County Hospital.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, May 28, 2010, in Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with viewing one hour prior to services. Brian Wilcox will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Ohio or Leukemia Society of Indiana.

Condolences may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

THE FAMILY OF
GERALD HERRON

Would like to sincerely thank everyone who remembered us during our time of sorrow. All of the cards, flowers, food & prayers were truly appreciated. The outpouring of love & support from family & friends was amazing & will be remembered forever.

We are truly blessed to have so many people who cared & loved him as much as we did. God bless each & every one of you.

Beulah Herron
Judy & Randy Ray & family
Johnny & Natalie Herron & family

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Galen Powers

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Galen Dean Powers of Chambersburg, Pa., who has died of cancer at age 73 May 27, 2010, led a life that took him from far from his origins.

Mr. Powers was born in rural Indiana on September 16, 1936, the fifth of ten children born to Leo and Esther Huffman Powers. When he was nine, he took up residence with his maternal grandparents who needed help on their farm (patented from Martin Van Buren in 1833) and lived there until 1950, when his father bought a farm and needed his assistance there. While resident with his grandparents, he lived alone much of the time due to his grandfather's illness and performed such farm chores as milking the cows by hand, preparing his own meals, and riding the bus to the village school.

On graduation from high school in 1954, he set out to obtain an education, first by attending the Bullis School, an all-boys military academy prep school in Silver Spring, MD., with an eye toward enrollment in the U.S. Naval Academy. Upon learning that the Academy awarded solely an engineering degree at that time, a field in which he had little interest, he changed direction; and on the suggestion of a former village resident who had matriculated there, applied to and was accepted at the University of Michigan as a history major. He received his degree in June 1959, and immediately enrolled in the University's Law School, receiving his professional degree in 1962.

For five of his seven years at the University, he was able to pay his entire costs (before the advent of government student loan programs) by making full-time work out of several part-time jobs while adhering to a full-time academic schedule. He was the first in his lineage to receive an academic degree.

In 1962, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, underwent officer training in Newport, Rhode Island, and upon receiving his commission as a Lieutenant (j.g.), enrolled in the Naval Justice School. At the time the officer who finished first in his class was allowed to choose his own billet, and Mr. Powers, who met the criterion, chose to be stationed at Navy JAG in the Pentagon. There he was involved in various investigations, the one of most note being the investigation into the sinking of the USS Thresher, the first nuclear warship to go down. In 1966, as his tour came to a close, he sought to be transferred to Vietnam, which was then the consuming focus of U.S. foreign policy; however, no billet was available, and he left the Navy for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which was coming to grips with the enormous governmental expansion of the Kennedy/Johnson administrations: Medicare and Medicaid had just been enacted (1965); the various guaranteed student loan programs (1965); aid to elementary education; and a year previously the Civil Rights Act of 1964, were all new laws administered by the Department. He entered the General Counsel's Office, first working on the legal issues of education programs, including traveling extensively in the South as part of the final effort to desegregate the public schools. He later (1973) became the chief legal officer for the Medicaid program, and then the first chief legal counsel for the agency that administered both the Medicare and Medicaid programs, at the time the fourth largest Federal Government agency in terms of expenditures. He received distinguished service citations from two successive Secretaries of H.E.W. and the personal commendation of the President of the United States.

In 1972, Mr. Powers was chosen by a committee chaired by Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall as one of the three most outstanding young lawyers in the Federal Government.

In 1979, he left the Department to go into private practice. In 1983, with two partners he established his own law firm, now known as Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville which continues to operate in Washington, D.C. as a national specialty firm dealing with health care legal issues. Mr. Powers was listed for over a decade in the Best Lawyers in America, Washington's Super Lawyers, and Who's Who.

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In the 1980's, he undertook a role to teach young lawyers about health law, a field and a term that had not been invented when he was a law student. Working through the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA), he organized various educational programs around the nation and gave hundreds of lectures on various health-law subjects, including being the featured speaker at the inauguration of the Loyola University of Chicago's master's degree in Health Law program. He considered these teaching and mentoring efforts to be one of his greatest professional rewards. He served many years on the AHLA board of directors and became the organization's president in 1990-91. At the time of his death he was a Fellow of the Association. During those years he published many articles and various chapters in books, often dealing with the issues of nonprofit hospital finance.

In the 1990's, he was invited to sit on various corporate boards, two being publicly-traded companies in the health care field: Health Management Systems in New York (HMSY) and MedCath in Charlotte, North Carolina, where we served as chairman of the compliance committees. He was also chairman of the Compliance Committee of CodeRyte, a private health care business firm headquartered in suburban Washington, D.C.

After he retired to Chambersburg, he became a trustee of Wilson College for three years and a lay reader and a member of the vestry and treasurer of Trinity Episcopal Church. In 1990, he became a member of the Cosmos Club, a Washington, D.C. club whose members are distinguished in literature, science, the arts, and the learned professions, serving in various capacities, including being the General Counsel at the time of his death. For many years he was a member of the Council for Excellence in Government.

In 1970, Galen married the love of his life, Sandra Rickards Powers, who survives him. They have one child, Kathleen Gaines (wife of Justin) of suburban Virginia, and one grandson, Connor Steven Gaines.

In the 1980's and 90's, Mr. and Mrs. Powers began to rehabilitate a country property near Chambersburg. The objective was to create a garden of artistic significance. The result is an English-style garden with hedged and walled rooms, disparate color schemes, and varying seasons of bloom. Mr. Powers always considered that garden his greatest contribution to the arts and a constant source of personal pleasure and emotional sustenance.

In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by three sisters, Marilyn Penick, Marcia Silberg (husband Walter), and Maribeth Greene; and two brothers, Elten (wife Carolyn) and Lee (wife Donna), all of Indiana, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial will in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, in a cemetery his great-great-grandfather ceded to the township for burial of the poor. Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in Carter Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, Indiana. A memorial Holy Eucharist will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 S. Second Street, on June 5, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Trinity Episcopal Church, Chambersburg; to the Episcopal Home, Shippensburg, PA.; to CaringBridge, the non-profit website that connected him to family and friends throughout his medical procedures; or to Lutheran Home & Hospice Care, Chambersburg, whose capable, professional, and empathetic staff saw him and his family through his final days.

Michael Sweezy

KENDALLVILLE — Michael Sweezy, 63, of Kendallville died Friday, May 28, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be Sunday, June 6, at 3 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kendallville.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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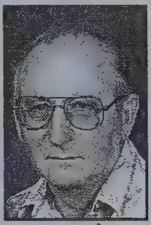
Russell Hayden

KENDALLVILLE — Russell Lowell Hayden, 83, of Kendallville, died on Friday, May 28, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Hayden was born in Kendallville on December 23, 1926 to the late Clyde and Ruth (Sower) Hayden


Mr. Hayden

He served his country in the United States Navy during the end of WWII and married Mary Frances Groh on February 7, 1947, at the Mitchell Street Methodist Church in Kendallville. She preceded his death March 7, 2002.

Russell's father started Hayden Welding in Kendallville in 1929. He purchased his father's business in 1946 after he was discharged from the Navy. Russell then took on the Honda name in 1965 and changed the name of his business to Hayden Honda which his son, Kurt, owns and operates today.

Russell was a life member of the American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville.

Survivors include a son, Kurt and Debbie Hayden of Kendallville; two grandsons, Nick and Natasha Hayden of Kendallville and Zach Hayden of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Summer and Tyler Moser of Ligonier and Haley Hayden of Kendallville and her fiance, Austin Arnold of Fort Wayne; and great-grandchildren Lex and Lilly Moser and Fyodor Hayden.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Harold Hayden, and sisters, Betty Ordas and Olive Hayden.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 1, 2010, from 11 a.m. to noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at noon at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Leon Pomeroy. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Beulta Anderson

GARRETT —Buelta A. "Fensie" Anderson, 85 of Garrett died at 1:24 a.m. Friday, May 28, 2010. She was born Oct. 10, 1924, in Garrett to Arna and Candace (Cosper) Fenstermaker and they preceded her in death. She married Paul C. Anderson on October 6, 1946, in Garrett and he died October 6, 1971.

She was a WW II Navy veteran.

Buelta was a packer at Stanadyne Distribution Div. — Garrett for 22 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Garrett American Legion. She was also a member of Sigma Phi Gamma and a past member of the Order Of the Eastern Star.

Buelta is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Tamara J. and Terry Bowman of Garrett; and a son and daughter in-law, James "Mike" and Linda Anderson of Garrett. She is survived by seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Buelta was preceded in death by her husband, Paul C. Anderson; twin sons, Mark and Martin Anderson; and a sister, Dorothy Walker.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett. The services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the U.S. Navy and the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home , Fort Wayne.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

William Thomas

LEO — William Thomas, 87, died Thursday, May 27, 2010, at The Cedars in Leo.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials may be sent to the Moose Charities Inc. (Child City & School) — 155 S. International Drive Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100.

Arrangements by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

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Gordon Bloom wanted to make a difference

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The late Gordon Bloom, seated, is surrounded by his eight grandchildren on his 75th birthday last August. Shown behind him are, from left: second row, Ryan and Erin Bloom; third row, Nate Helmkamp, Renae and Lucas Turner, Kyle Bloom and Matt Helmkamp; back row, Kevin Bloom.

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BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — He loved his children and grandchildren. He was involved and wanted to make a difference. He was a popular teacher and nicknamed "Father Nature" for his love for nature and the outdoors.

Charles Gordon Bloom lived life to the fullest. He will be missed.

Mr. Bloom, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, May 3, 2010. The lifelong resident of DeKalb and Noble counties retired from West Noble Middle School in Ligonier as an industrial arts and science teacher.

"His classroom came alive with unusual stories and props," said retired West Noble Middle School principal Robert Wechter.

Mr. Bloom was known for his dry sense of humor and wit.

"Students and faculty knew the presence of Mr. Bloom would bring laughter," said Wechter, a friend of Mr. Bloom's for over 30 years. "When talking with him, even though serious or in a disciplinary nature, the twinkle in his eyes told you a crazy story or comment was waiting to be told. Gordy made the world a better place."

His daughter, Nancy Helmkamp, remembers her dad wore many hats in the family while her mother was busy as a full-time music teacher at Avilla and Rome City schools, teaching 60 private piano lessons a week and directing the Trinity United Methodist Church choir.

"Dad had a teaching hat, then after a full day's work at school he would switch to his farmer's hat," she said. He traveled about five miles north of their home to his barn to feed pigs or plant and harvest crops.

At supper time, her dad switched his farmer's hat for his chef's hat.

"Dad always informed the family of his potatoes, corn, bluegills and peaches, his way of letting us know that everything we had eaten came from his hard work in the garden and enjoyment of fishing on Tamarack Lake," said Helmkamp. After supper, her dad put on his taxi hat to drive his two daughters and sons to their various activities. "Dad's care for kids never stopped, as all eight of his grandchildren were loved, and an important part his life," she said.

Mr. Bloom was a founding board member of KidCity in Kendallville, and was a founding board member for Science Central in Fort Wayne, where he volunteered 1,007 and one-half hours. One of the KidCity organizers, Vi Wysong, said Mr. Bloom's name was mentioned when they were looking for a volunteer to help with the Environmental & Science neighborhood.

"When I called, he basically said, 'Where and

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BLOOM: *Volunteered at children's zoo, Salvation Army and church*

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when do I come to the meeting?'" she added. "Community projects like KidCity happen because people like Gordon Bloom are willing to generously put their experience, time, energy and encouragement into the sometimes tedious process of bringing a rough idea to reality."

He also volunteered for 360 hours at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, and for the Salvation Army as a bell ringer. Katherine Terlizzi, volunteer coordinator for the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, said Mr. Bloom last attended a special zoo event in December. He helped in the goat yard, gave interpretations for visitors, attended monthly meetings and special events like Zoo-olloween.

"Gordon was active in fundraising for the zoo. He will be missed," she said.

Mr. Bloom was a current member of the Board of Directors of Common Grace, and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where he was active in missions.

"Members of the board and staff admired his concern for people facing difficult times and his readiness to help whenever needed," commented board member Rev. Dr. Dan Barker. "His loss creates a great void in our hearts and in the heart of our community."

At Trinity, he was active in missions and participated in a number of housing projects in Appalachia. He coordinated the church's annual rummage sales, and served Thanksgiving Day dinners to the community. Trinity minister Rev. Scott Pattison recalled Mr. Bloom's common phrase to others, "Live simply, so that others may simply live."

Mr. Bloom enjoyed creating wetlands and wildlife preservation areas and maintaining his tree farm.

"Dad loved to take walks and name all the trees and wildflowers," said Helmkamp. He spent the past 15 years planting, trimming and keeping pests out of his trees. He had a particular fondness for chestnut trees that were nearly wiped out by a blight several years ago. He attended national chestnut meetings and workshops to help bring a blight-resistant variety back to North America.

"Dad didn't like our natural world being trashed, so he picked up the trash along Leighty Road. He appointed himself the Mayor of Leighty Road and giggled when he told us no one had ever run against him," she commented. He was also the caretaker for the Cree Lake public access site.

No matter how busy Mr. Bloom was, he rarely missed a Purdue football or basketball game, whether it was listening to it on the radio, watching it on TV or attending the game in West Lafayette.

His family gave him the greatest joy. He attended many of his grandchildren's soccer, tennis, volleyball and basketball games and music performances. The grandchildren enjoyed his sense of humor.

Maybe doing all of this kept his mind off the loss of his wife 25 years ago. Whatever it was for the most part, it was usually with a great sense of humor, common sense and always in perspective, commented Pattison.

"He taught us to laugh, to enjoy life and creation. Mr. Bloom was a natural treasure," said Wechter.

He is survived by two daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Helmkamp of Auburn, and Sally and David Turner of Crawfordsville; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Brad and Alisa Bloom of Kendallville, and Greg and Laurie Bloom of Wolcottville; and eight grandchildren, Kevin Bloom, Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner and Lucas Turner.

Mr. Bloom is buried in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

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LaOtto woman dies from crash injuries

LAOTTO — A LaOtto woman has died from injuries she suffered in a motorcycle crash Tuesday night.

Sparkman

Heidi J. Sparkman, 45, had been flown by a Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with severe head trauma after the crash, according to police reports.

She was riding with her husband when their Harley-Davidson motorcycle struck a deer at 9:37 p.m. Tuesday on S.R. 3, one-half mile south of Baseline Road. Her husband, Jeffrey Sparkman, 47, of LaOtto was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for treatment of a broken leg.

Mrs. Sparkman's obituary appears on page A4 of today's edition.

Heidi Sparkman

LAOTTO — Heidi J. Sparkman, 45 of LaOtto, died Thursday, May 27, 2010 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Avilla on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

She was born on May 3, 1965 in Fort Wayne, and was the daughter of Charles and Margie (McBride) Opliger.

Mrs. Sparkman

Mrs. Sparkman was a 1983 graduate of East Noble High School and graduated from the International Business College in 1985.

She was "retired" but worked at Paragon Steel in Butler and also Canyon Gravel and Sandpit in Huntertown.

On November 1, 1986 she married Jeffrey B. Sparkman in Ari. He survives in LaOtto.

Heidi was extremely well-liked with lots of friends, and had a heart of gold. She will be missed by many. She loved motorcycle riding, doing puzzles, watching her surrogate grandson, Bryghten, and spending time with her family.

Heidi's death brought a second chance to someone else's life through organ donation. She would be proud to know that she helped someone in a time of need. That's the kind of person Heidi was.

She was a member of Beacon Light Chapel in Ari.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Zachery and Kadie Sparkman of Avilla; a stepson, Jeffrey Sparkman Jr. of Columbia City; her mother, Margie Opliger of LaOtto; a sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Dwight Deeds of Aurora, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Geronimo and Connie Opliger of LaOtto; a stepbrother, Kevin Collins of Denver, Colo.; a nephew, Issac Stone Opliger and his fiance, Molly Macy, of LaOtto; nephews Kevin Deeds and Xavier Collins of Denver; and nieces Lacy Deeds and Izzy Collins of Denver.

She also is survived by her beloved dogs, Bomber, Bella and Baby Mo.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sparkman will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 North Main St., Avilla. Cremation will take place following the funeral service. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Heidi Sparkman to the Avilla Volunteer Fire Department or the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to make online condolences.

Galen Powers

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Galen Dean Powers, 73, of Chambersburg, Pa., died May 27, 2010. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Carter Cemetery, Pleasant Lake. A memorial Holy Eucharist will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 S. Second St., on June 12, 2010, at 4 p.m.

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Max Julian Sr.

ANGOLA — Max Eugene Julian Sr., 83, of Angola died Friday, May 28, 2010 at his home.

Mr. Julian

In 1944, the Steuben County Basketball Champions were Pleasant Lake High School and Mr. Julian was on the team. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force upon graduation that same year.

He proudly served his country during World War II and was a part of the 508th Maintenance and Supply group that supported the Enola Gay Bomber plane during training missions on Kwajalein Island in the Marshall Islands.

Mr. Julian began his working career helping his Dad, Paul Julian, hauling gravel in one of his father's Model A or T dump trucks. In 1953, Max worked with earth-moving equipment on a four-mile stretch of the Ohio Turnpike, and later on the Indiana Toll Road by Michigan City. He also helped to clear the land for Stewart Hall at the Tri-State University. As owner of Tri-Angle Earthmoving, Inc. for over 50 years, he worked extensively in the Angola area and focused mostly on sewer and water-line installation for municipalities in the later years. Only in 2006 did Max retire from his work after much persuasion from family members.

Mr. Julian has been a member of the Angola Post #31 since 1949 and served his first office in 1965-66 as post adjutant, followed by commander in 1966-67. Max also served the Fourth District in many capacities from 1969 through 1975-76 when he took the office as 4th District Commander. He was presented with a life membership in 1975 and served in the Indiana State Department of the American Legion in several capacities until 1981-82 when he served as the Indiana State Department Commander. Most recently he has served on the Hoosier Boy's State committee where a "county" was named after him.

Max was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, the York Rite and the Mizpah Shrine Temple. He received a Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 1982 and was given an honorary life membership in ANAVICUS in 1987. He was a member of the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

He was born March 21, 1927 in Auburn, Indiana to Paul Eugene and Blanche Lanetta (Clouse) Julian. Mr. Julian married Marilyn Canfield in 1948, Delores Ashville on October 13, 1951 in Wells County and Audree Mae Burch on June 20, 1955 in Elkhart. Audree and Max celebrated their 45th anniversary in 2000 prior to Audree's death in September 2000.

Max is survived by two sons Michael Julian of Angola; Randy (Marla) Julian of Angola; 2 daughters Cheryl (Tony) Brinkman of Cleves, Ohio, and Michele (James) Kerr of Carmel; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Julian of Angola; his sister Janice (Cliff) Nilson of Angola; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; his first wife, Marilyn Julian of California; and his second wife Delores Bennett of Harrison, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Audree Burch Julian, a stepbrother, Harold Koch and his son, Max Eugene "Gene" Julian Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday with a 4:30 p.m. Masonic service by the Ashley Masonic Lodge at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with military graveside services by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice and to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

The guestbook may be signed at www.weichtfh.com

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Janet Van Deusen

FORT WAYNE — Janet M. (Limpert) Van Deusen passed away Friday, May 28, 2010 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Her positive spirit and Christian faith sustained her through several years of declining health.

Born in Hicksville, Ohio, she lived most of her adult life in New Jersey, where she was an elementary school teacher. In later years she returned to northeast Indiana, where she aided her parents in their last years.

She is survived by a brother, Max (Gina) Limpert; two nephews, Matthew Limpert and David Dullaghan; and two great nieces, all of Fort Wayne.

Viewing will be on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne. Graveside service and burial will take place at the Hicksville Union Cemetery, 707 Main St., Hicksville.

Memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Orus Bontrager

GOSHEN — Orus U. Bontrager, 71, of Goshen, died at 9:25 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at his residence. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Earl Lambright residence, 62126 C.R. 43, Goshen. Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the the same residence. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery, Goshen. Online condolences may be left at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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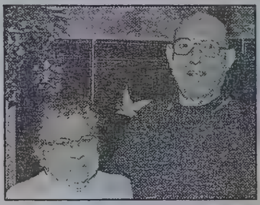
Butch Rowe

June 9, 1940 - Nov. 9, 2009
Air Force

Sharon Rowe

Sept. 8, 1940 - July 8, 2003



The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.

Carl J. Collins

Oct. 6, 1937 - Feb. 26, 1999

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share will
live on forever.
Loved and Missed, Your Family

Larry K. Smith Sr.

Jan. 1, 1957 - Sept. 27, 2006

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.
We love you!

Don Greuter

Sept. 19, 1931 - April 29, 2009

You were a light in my life that
will burn forever in my heart.
Miss you,
June

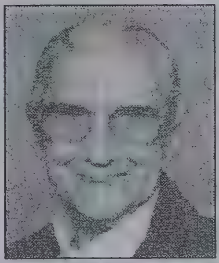
Geneva J. Bundy

Dec. 12, 1917 - Jan. 25, 2010

You middle name was Joy and you were a
Joy to all of us for 92 years.
Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great-Great-Grandmother
~ Richard L. Bundy & Family

Goldie Short

July 3, 1919 - Dec. 14, 2009



We will never forget you. May
God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.
Ilda, Marie and Mary,
Family & Friends,

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Carolyn Leighton

Oct. 18, 1947 - March 14, 2010

We will never forget you.
May God cradle you in His
arms throughout all eternity.

Danny Fugate

Danny,
Our lives will never be the same
without you. You'll always be our
one and only superman hero. We
love and miss you so much!

Your Family,
Lisa Fugate, Cody, Danielle,
Angel, Josh, Tyson & Trenton

Jill Nicole Emerick

June 18, 1971 - May 15, 2004

We will never forget you.
May God cradle you in His
arms throughout all eternity.
Dad, Mom, Cory, Cody,
Janice, Terry and Laura

Donald R. Collins

Nov. 6, 1951 - Dec. 20, 2009
U.S. Army

Many things remind me of you,
Ice-cream cones, swimming pools,
ball diamonds too,
To thank you for your love,
We're sending kisses to Heaven above.
Love, Deb and Bill Evers & Family

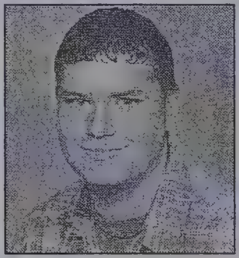
Donald Miller

Corporal US Army
Oct. 25, 1928 - Aug. 10, 2009

It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone. For part
of us went with you, the day God
called you home.

Matthew Terry

April 16, 1985 - Dec. 24, 2001



We will never forget you. May
God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.

Harold Flegal
(Big Al)

Feb. 26, 1938 - July 9, 2000

You were a light in my
life that will burn
forever in my heart.

Amy Robinson

June 10, 1970 - Jan. 31, 2009

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.
We miss you.

Rick Henderson

Aug. 27, 1963 - April 30, 2007

Son,
Our hearts still ache in sadness
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.
Love, Mom & Dad

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Kevin Kreischer

Dec. 14, 1954 - Aug. 11, 2004

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.

Jason, Karla, Grace, Lilyany & Paige

Kraig Robinson

Dec. 19, 1970 - May, 2008

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever. We miss you.

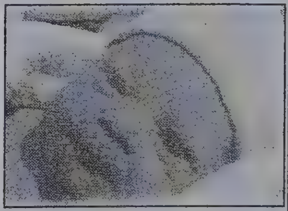
Linzie O. Goodman

Feb. 8, 1940 - Jan. 16, 2009

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity. We miss you.

Noah Myers

June 19, 2008 - July 16, 2008

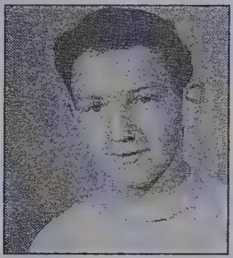


Mommy and Daddy love and miss you, little angel baby. You'll always be our little hero. See you in Heaven, Noah.

All our love,
Mommy & Daddy

Oscar Ritchie

July 18, 1954 - June 7, 2006



You were a light in our lives that will burn forever in our hearts.

Ilda, Tom, Karen & Amanda

Polly D. Padilla

Nov. 30, 1971 - Feb. 5, 2010

May God's angels guide you through eternity. We miss you.

Robert W. Kollman

Aug. 24, 1937 - April 22, 2009

Thank you to all who donated to my swing and magnolias in Bixler Lake Park (Diamond and Lake Streets). Come sit and reminisce with me.

Ever Present in Spirit

Roy Teague

May 3, 1950 - Sept. 20, 1999

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.

Jerry, Tracey, Travis, Drew, Darrin & Ted

Scooter Neff

April 14, 1990 - Dec. 28, 2003

How much we miss your smile
And your laughter in our ears
Your absence leaves a hole in us
We're still filling with tears.

Mom & Haley

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Logan Zimmerman

April 28, 2000 - Dec. 10, 2003

The days may come and go, but
the memories we share will
live on forever.
Love, Grandma, Mom,
Rodney & Scott

Dennis J. Smith

Mar. 6, 1943 - June 12, 2009

We will never forget you. May
God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.

Duane Huff (Huffy)

Sept. 14, 1941 - Nov. 19, 2009
PFC - Army

You were a light in my life that
will burn forever in my heart.
- Your Loving Wife and Sons

Jarrod Gayheart

Feb. 24, 1987 - March 14, 2006

Our hearts are still sadden,
Our tears still flow,
How we miss you
No one will ever know.
Mom, Josh & The Perkins Family

Rex A. Dangler

May 29, 1952 - May 22, 1990

It's been 20 years since you have been gone
and not a single day goes by that we don't
think of you. We miss and love you dearly.
Your loving wife, Pam
Son, Brad & His Family, Shannon, Drake,
Chandler and soon Zander
Daughter, Shannon & Her Family,
Jason, Paige & Avery
Daughter, Stephanie & Her Family
Taylar & Aydan

Thrain David Clark

Oct. 1, 2003 - Oct. 6, 2003

You were a light in our lives that will
burn forever in our hearts.
We love and miss you.
Mommy, Owentyr, Madison, Papa,
Nana and Uncle Jeff & Family

Shaun Zimmerman

June 14, 1984 - May 9, 2009

You were a light in my life that
will burn forever in my heart.
Love,
Mom, Rodney, Scott and Sam

Beatrice McPherson

Dec. 14, 1948 - Mar. 29, 2010

The days may come and go, but
the memories we share will
live on forever.
Lum, Brenda, Tammy, Chrissy,
Debbie, Little Lum, Abbie

Dora E. Clark (Bear)

Feb. 3, 1926 - April 7, 2009

If the sun refused to shine I
would still be loving you. When
mountains crumble to the sea
there will still be you and me.
~ Cub III

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Randy L. Cusick

March 12, 1966 - March 4, 2010

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share will
live on forever.

We love you,
Nancy & Family, Mom & Bob,
Candy & Ron, Angela & Mike,
Adam, Gavin & Preslee

Penny Cusick

April 13, 1959 - Jan. 4, 2001

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share will
live on forever.

We love you,
Mom & Bob, Candy & Ron,
Angela & Mike, Adam,
Nancy, Preslee & Gavin

Wayne E. Kimmel

Sept. 11, 1931 - Sept. 22, 2006

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.

Loved and Missed, Your Family

Heather Marie Martin

Dec. 10, 1985 - Jan. 26, 2010

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.

Richard Frost

Aug. 25, 1934 - April 19, 2006

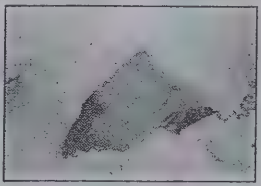
Terry Frost

June 2, 1963 - Dec. 5, 2007

The days may come and go, but the memories we shared will
live on forever. Gone but not forgotten and always missed.
Love, Your Family

Mackie Lee Manns III

Jan. 26, 2010 - Jan. 26, 2010



We will never forget you. May
God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.

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Sally Fisher

ANGOLA — Sally Ann Williamson Fisher, 77, of Angola, died Monday, May 31, 2010, in Angola.

Mrs. Fisher was born June 5, 1932, in Angola, to John Frederick "Ted" and Velma (Quas) Williamson. They preceded her in death.

She attended Hillsdale College and Indiana University. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola and Psi Iota Xi-Rho Chapter. She loved her family, friends, flowers, birds and animals. She worked at Ted's Casual Wear and Touch of Lace in Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Dawson Gorrell; and her second husband, William "Bill" Fisher.

She is survived by a brother, John E. Williamson of Angola; a nephew, John "Kip" Williamson of Orlando, Fla.; and several cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Ray Bodie officiating. Burial is in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Humane Society and Cameron Home Health and Hospice. You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Luella Orr

WARSAW — Luella M. Orr, 93, of Warsaw, died at 2:02 a.m. Sunday, May 30, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial is in Washington Union Cemetery, Pierceton.

Visitation will be after noontime on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

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Marian Oberlin-Richardson

AUBURN — Marian G. Oberlin-Richardson, 87, died Monday, May 31, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richardson

Mrs. Richardson was a homemaker.

She was an active member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. She was a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also was a volunteer for the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild and enjoyed working at the Curiosity Shop where she volunteered over 1,000 hours of her time.

She was born March 17, 1923, in New Haven to Rudolph and Vera (Slentz) Haynes.

She married Wendell F. Richardson on Dec. 29, 1978, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 1, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, King and Lori Oberlin of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Darley Bennett of Butler, Diana and Rick Waters of Fort Wayne, and Debra and Juan Hernandez of Butler; her first husband, Duane Oberlin; 16 grandchildren; one stepgrandson; 11 great-grandchildren; and her twin sister and brother-in-law, Madge and Martin "Lewis" Ault of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Marilyn Haynes; a grandson, Mark Bennett; two twin grandchildren, Mallory Johnson and Maxwell Johnson; and a son-in-law, Daniel Bennett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the New Hope Christian Center.

Bettie Hilgeman

FORT WAYNE — Bettie J. Hilgeman, 84, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to International Strategic Cancer Alliance, 873 E. Baltimore Pike 333, Kennett Square, PA 19348 or Cleveland Clinic Cancer Research, 9500 Euclid Ave. D20, Cleveland, Ohio 44195.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Mona Witham

LAGRANGE — Mona Witham, 53, of Goshen died Saturday, May 29, 2010, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Thomas Childers

LAGRANGE — Thomas E. Childers, 84, of LaGrange died Saturday, May 29, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Memorial services and burial with military honors will be Friday, June 18, at 11 a.m. at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Kendallville and Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at northernindianafuneralcare.com

Rose Esposito

AVILLA — Rose M. Esposito, 82, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Paul Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Paul A. Brown, 76, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 30, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Brown had moved to Kendallville 14 years ago from Chicago.

He had been a machinist with Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

Mr. Brown was a member of New Life Tabernacle in Kendallville.

He was born June 16, 1934, in Allen County, Ind., to Homer and Freda Brown.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Leo Burrows of Florida and Brandy and Dan Hurley of Albion; three sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Beth Brown of Florida, Brian and Peg Brown of Kendallville and Brandon and Renae Brown of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Lowell Brown.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. today at New Life Tabernacle with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating.

Memorials are to New Life Tabernacle.

Nellie Sturdivant

You were so precious, so kind, so unique. No one ever thought that you could leave. You were such a gift, a miracle to have that when God called, it hurt so bad. You brought love to everyone, and you'll forever be in our hearts. A mother, grandmother, friend. We'll soon meet again at the gates of heaven.

Love, your granddaughter,
Hope Case
I love you and miss you.
You will forever be in my heart.

ALBION NEW ERA
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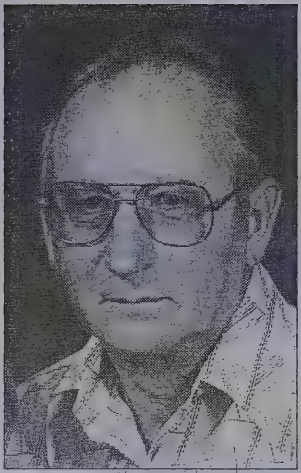

Russell Lowell Hayden, 83

Russell Lowell Hayden, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Friday, May 28, 2010 at his home.

Mr. Hayden was born in Kendallville on December 23, 1926 to the late Clyde and Ruth (Sower) Hayden

He served his country in the United States Navy during the end of WWII and married Mary Frances Groh on February 7, 1947 at the Mitchell Street Methodist Church in Kendallville. She preceded his death March 7, 2002.

Russell's father started Hayden Welding in Kendallville in 1929. He purchased his father's business in 1946 after he was discharged from the Navy. Russell then took on the Honda name in 1965 and changed the name of his business to Hayden Honda which his son, Kurt, owns and operates today.

Russell was a life member of the American Legion Post #86 of Kendallville.

Survivors include:

Son, Kurt and Debbie Hayden of Kendallville.

Grandson, Nick and Natasha Hayden of Kendallville.

Grandson, Zach Hayden of Kendallville.

Granddaughter, Summer and Tyler Moser of Ligonier.

Granddaughter, Haley Hayden of Kendallville and her fiance, Austin Arnold of Fort Wayne.

Great-grandchildren: Lex and Lilly Moser and Fyodor Hayden.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Harold Hayden and sisters, Betty Ordas and Olive Hayden.

Visitation was Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Leon Pomeroy.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Steven Anthony Mangona, 61

Steven Anthony Mangona, 61, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Sunday May 23, 2010 at 6:17 p.m. at the Loyola University Hospital in Maywood, IL, due to an industrial accident that occurred at the Unilever Hammond Plant in Hammond, Indiana.

Steve was born on November 4, 1948 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Frank and Lois Mangona.

His mother survives in Fort Wayne and his father preceded him in death this year.

Steve grew up in Fort Wayne and had lived in Noble County for the last 40 years. He worked the past two years for Unilever, Hammond Plant as an Electric Maintence Technician.

He was a member of the Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla.

He enjoyed spending time at the lake, hunting, fishing, time with his family, gardening and being with his friends.

He is survived by his mother, three sons and two daughters-in-law; Vincent and Meggan Mangona of Avilla, Anthony and Tiffany Mangona and Benjamin Mangona of Sacramento, CA; five grandchildren, Ana Willard, Jordan and Kendra Mangona, Kynade Burnham and Dylan Brothers; three sisters and two brothers-in-law; Carol Spears of Angola, Mary and Robert Stark and Patty and Pat Kiel of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla.

Father Edward Erpelding and Father Cam Tirabassi celebrated the mass.

The family requests memorials be made in memory of Steve to Masses or a Trust Fund to the Grandchildren.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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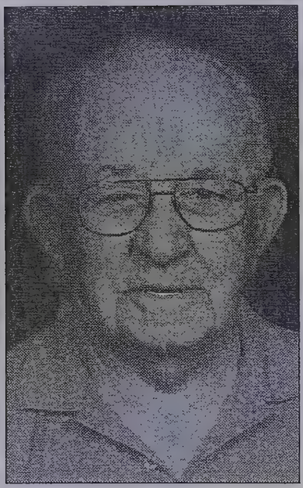

Virgil L. "Jack" Resler, 89

Virgil L. "Jack" Resler, age 89, formerly of Wawaka and currently residing at Life Care Center in LaGrange, died on Monday, May 24, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Resler was born in Elkhart Township, Noble County, Indiana on May 13, 1921 to the late Floyd D. and Hazel Berdina (Boley) Resler.

He graduated from Wawaka High School and served his country in the United States Army from June 1944 until November 1945 during WWII. Purple Heart recipient, Pfc. Resler, belonged to Company G, 87th Mountain Infantry and fought in the European Theatre where he received the American Service medal, African Middle Eastern Service medal and the WWII Victory medal.

He married his wife of 57 years, Glema Lucille Lauer, on May 14, 1943 in Wawaka, Indiana.

The Reslers made their home on the Elkhart River near Wawaka at Duke's Bridge. They also enjoyed wintering for many years at Clarmont, Florida. Glema preceded his death on January 2, 2001.

Jack supervised the portable asphalt plant for Reith-Riley Construction and the asphalt plant for Hipskind Construction out of Fort Wayne. He worked in the construction business for about 30 years total before retiring in 1982.

Jack also owned and operated Indian Lakes Marina on Westler Lake for 19 years from 1963-1982.

He was proud to have been a 50 year member of the Operating Engineers International Union #103 based out of Fort Wayne.

Jack enjoyed years of fishing in Florida and fishing trips to Wisconsin.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #381 in Rome City and Jack looked forward to his daily visits to the Legion to visit with the guys.

He also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Survivors include; a son, James and Deborah Resler of Moorpark, California, three daughters; Anita and Paul Wilson of Oliver Lake near Wolcottville, Kaye Schnurr of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Jean and Charles "Pete" Price of Cleveland, Alabama; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Carol and Bill Jordan of Astatula, Florida; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Phillip "Bud" and Mabel Lauer of Tennessee.

He was also preceded in death by his son-in-law, Tom Schnurr on January 23, 2010.

Visitation was Thursday, May 27, 2010, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services were Friday, May 28, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Omer Nisley.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to LaGrange County Relay For Life, and Nisco Team, for the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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LaOtto woman dies from injuries

A LaOtto woman has died from injuries that resulted when the motorcycle she was riding on collided with a deer near Avilla Tuesday night, May 25.

Jeffrey B. Sparkman, 47, and Heidi J. Sparkman, 45, both of LaOtto, were hospitalized after the accident on SR 3, south of Baseline Road. Jeffrey Sparkman was driving south at about 9:37 p.m. when a deer ran onto the highway and into the side of the 2009 Harley-Davidson Sportster. The impact caused the motorcycle to go out of control, throwing off both occupants.

Heidi Sparkman was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne to be treated for head trauma, but died of her injuries on Thursday. Jeffrey Sparkman was taken to the same hospital by ambulance, suffering a possible broken leg. Neither was wearing a helmet, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Units responded to the crash from the Sheriff's Department, Noble County EMS, Samaritan Helicopter, Avilla and LaOtto Fire Departments, and Avilla Police Department.

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Ella Wirick

Mrs. Wirick

ALBION — Ella Patricia Wirick, age 83, died Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 12:50 PM at her daughter's home in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for the past seven weeks.

Mrs. Wirick was a cook and bartender at American Legion Post 243 from 1970 until 1990.

She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on July 30, 1927, and was the daughter of George A. and Nellie Pearl (Rady) Gardner. She came to the Albion community on August 15, 1969.

She was a very active member of the Legion, and has been a member of the Women's Auxiliary since 1970.

She enjoyed crocheting, word searches and her spending time with her grandchildren.

She married her first husband Jesse Jauregui, and he preceded her in death. She then married Roger H. Dustman on August 15, 1969. He died on May 4, 1981. She married Robert H. Wirick on December 12, 1981, he died on December 2, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Georgiann and Rick Drayer of Woodburn, Indiana; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Phillip and Christi Jauregui of Fort Wayne, William and Janet Jauregui of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey Jauregui and Robert Jauregui, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wirick will be Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor David Henry will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Friday at the funeral home, and also one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday.

Burial following the funeral will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorials to Parkview Hospice.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Rose Esposito

AVILLA — Rose Marie Esposito, 82, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

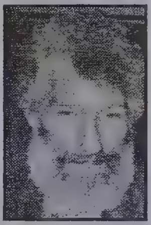
There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be in Florida.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

William Centers

GOSHEN — William L. Centers, 56, died unexpectedly at his home, Saturday, May 29, 2010.


Mr. Centers

He was born April 16, 1954, in Toliver, Kentucky, to the late Raymond Centers and Ruth (Neff) Centers of Dayton, Ohio. He married Brenda Hamm on September 11, 1971. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Tonya Myers, and Billie Jo Centers, both of North Webster, and Bobbie Jo Centers of Ligonier; three grandchildren, Braxton Myers, and Conner and Jayla Centers; three brothers, Gary (Pat) Centers, Wayne (Norma) Centers and Danny (Pat) Centers, all of Dayton, Ohio; and three sisters, Pam Garber of Dayton, Ohio, Sandy Davidson of Manchester, Kentucky, and Sherry Hoxing, of Washington.

A Goshen resident for 36 years, Mr. Centers worked at Tenneco in Ligonier the past 12 years. He had also worked at Homecrest, Merchant Metals, Doors & Drawers and Western Rubber. He enjoyed Texas Hold'em, horseshoes, ice fishing and his three black labs, Lava, Cassie and Shotgun.

Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, where a 2 p.m. funeral service will be conducted. Pastor David Main of the Millersburg Church of Christ will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or to Brenda Centers, which she will use for the care of animals.

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Thomas Childers

LAGRANGE —Thomas E. Childers, 84, of LaGrange died Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Childers

Mr. Childers was a restaurant and hotel manager.

He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1946 and received the Victory Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Medal.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 2749 of Kendallville, the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City, Moose Lodge 1271of Leesburg, Fla., the Mizpah Shrine, Wayne Lodge 25, Fort Wayne, and the Eagles Lodge of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Childers was born in Herrin, Ill., on Oct. 28, 1925, to Milton C. and Maude (Wyatt) Childers.

Surviving are a son, Bruce and Margaret Childers of Marion, Ill.; a daughter, Cindy Marks of Marion, Ill.; three grandchildren; a brother, Marshal Childers of California; two sisters, Peggy Fossi and Jeanie and Herman Clavanna, all of Herrin; three nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Milton Childers; and two sisters, Margaret Ann and Mavis.

Memorial services and burial with military honors will be Friday, June 18, at 11 a.m. at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind.

Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Kendallville and Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at northernindianafuneralcare.com

Francis Rodebaugh

AUBURN — Francis L. Rodebaugh, 86 of Auburn died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 25, 1924, to the late Roy and Clara (Rastenburg) Rodebaugh.

He was an interior designer for 54 years for several interior design companies before retiring in 1978.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda Rodebaugh of Auburn; two grandchildren, Lisa (Brad) Schilling of Auburn and Lori Rodebaugh of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren, Emily Schilling, Logan Schilling, Parker Schilling and Gracie Kline; two nieces, Penny Wiedenhoeft and her family of Auburn and Pam Long and her family of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Rodebaugh.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

American Legion Post 97 will conduct military honors.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are handling arrangements.

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Mona Witham

GOSHEN — Mona Witham, 56, of Goshen died Saturday, May 29, 2010, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Mrs. Witham

She had lived most of her life in LaGrange prior to moving to Goshen.

Mrs. Witham had worked as a laborer at Mid American in Middlebury, Ind., and at Pent Assembly in Rome City, Ind.

She was a member of the Archery Club in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Dec. 31, 1953, in Kendallville, Ind., to Neil and Katherine (Spillner) Wolfe. She married James L. Witham on Feb. 7, 1970, in Centreville, Mich. He preceded her in death Oct. 9, 2006.

Surviving are a son, James R. Witham of Middlebury; two daughters, Tia Witham of Goshen and Tara and Anthony Green of Middlebury; three sisters, Delores and Richard Coleman of Goshen, Pam and Gary Prouty of Twisp, Wash., and Vicky Baxer of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, her husband, and a sister, Sharon Woody.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Steve Herendeen of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to condolences@earthlink.net

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Galen Swogger

AVILLA — Galen Eugene Swogger, age 84, currently of Avilla formerly of rural Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday evening, June 2, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Swogger

Mr. Swogger was born in Wayne Township of Noble County, Indiana, on August 14, 1925, to Murton Warren and Bessie Mae (Hovarter) Swogger. His parents died at an early age and Galen was raised by his brother and sister-in-law, Clair and Iva.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943.

Galen married Alice Elaine Berry on January 19, 1947, at the Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Galen's family was of upmost importance to him. He took great pride in the next generation of Swogger great-grandchildren.

He was involved in agriculture and dairy farming all his life. Galen had the top Registered Holstein herd in Dekalb County for many years. He also worked in Indianapolis for the United States Department of Agriculture in the Federal Crop Insurance Department from 1980-1990.

Galen was a pillar of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He was a longtime and dedicated member there and he was an active lay leader and held many offices within the church. He was the chairman of the Pastor Parrish Committee, served on the Building Committee, taught Sunday school class for many years, and was the delegate at the annual United Methodist Church Conference.

He was a member of the Mid-America Windmill Museum and served as a director for eight years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 460 of Avilla, the 32nd degree Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and the Noble Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 122. He also was a member of the Avilla Lions Club.

Galen and Alice loved to travel together and had been all over the world.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Alice Swogger of Avilla; three sons, Todd and Chris Swogger of Omaha, Nebraska,

Scott and Jane Swogger of Kendallville and Lee and Gwendolyn Swogger of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Matt and Lisa Swogger of Rome City, Andy and Holly Swogger of Kendallville, Rob and Stacy Swogger of Ohmaha, Martin Swogger and Jessica of Kendallville, Katrina and Travis Weaver of Huntington, Patrick Swogger and Shauna of Kendallville and Anna Swogger and Greg of Kendallville; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews that also survive.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clair Swogger and Leon Swogger, and two sisters,

Joyce Weber and Mary D. Weihmiller.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 5, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church on at the corner of Albion and Cherry streets in Avilla with Masonic Lodge services at 7:45 p.m.

There will also be visitation an hour before the funeral service on Sunday.

Funeral services will be Sunday, June 6, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville following the funeral.

To continue the celebration of the life of Galen Swogger, there will be a funeral dinner served at the church following services. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Casketbearers will be Matt, Andy, Martin, Patrick, Rob and Ken Swogger, and John Weihmiller.

Honorary bearers will be Eugene Weber, Carl Weber, Dale Weber and Ron Swogger.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Calvary United Methodist Church.

Entrusted service to the Swogger family is by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or visit Hite Funeral Home on FaceBook.com

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Stephen Eberly

ANGOLA — Stephen R. Eberly, 60, of Angola died Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 14, 1949, in Waterloo, Indiana, to the late Ward and Betty (Durst) Eberly.

Stephen was the manager for the Sutton's Supermarket in Angola for 16 years. The last couple of years he was working for the Steuben County Corrections Department.

Stephen enjoyed gardening, doing home improvements, lawn work and spending time outside with is dog, Tia.

Survivors include two daughters and son-in-laws, Kelly and Adam Tussing of Van Wert, Ohio, and Erin and Jacob Flynn of Carmel, Ind.; two brothers, Mike Eberly of Auburn and Larry Eberly of Tennessee; and two grandchildren, Justice and Payton Tussing of Van Wert, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home at 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

There will be no calling or services.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

To sign the quest book for Mr. Eberly go to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Kathryn Tomlinson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kathryn E. Tomlinson, 95, of Hicksville died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

Mrs. Tomlinson was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, Ohio, a more than 65-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Bryan, Ohio, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Wednesday and Friday afternoon Bridge Club and a former member of the Town & Country Garden Club.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1914 in Butler, Ind., to James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds. She married Ronald (Ronnie) Tomlinson on Nov. 17, 1932, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters, Janice (Berlin) Kline of Hicksville, Ronna Arellanes of Chippenham, England, and Jo Ella (Ron) Hart of Grass Valley, Calif.; two sons-in-law, Steve Arellanes of Hicksville and Stanley Sollid, Santa Rosa, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen Wilson of Butler, Ind., and Donna Steffe, El Cajon, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Deanna Sollid; and her siblings, Victor Olds, Gertrude Olds and Fay Olds Duesler.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Ken Wellman officiating.

Visitation will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to service on Tuesday.

Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials are to the Crippled Children & Adults Society, First Church of Christ or Huber Opera House.

Online condolence may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Jeffery Ulery

MOUNT DORA, Fla. — Jeffery Ulery, 59, of Mount Dora died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009.

Mr. Ulery

Mr. Ulery was a commodities broker. He became partner of Lansing Grain at the age of 23, started his first business when he was in his early 30's and continued to prosper in various industries until his death.

Surviving are his wife, Kelly; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Robin of Winter Garden, Fla., and Todd and Shannon of Toledo, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Ashley Suarez of Mount Dora; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Cold Springs Resort in Hamilton, Ind.

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Helen Wolff

FORT WAYNE — Helen B. (Hanselman) Wolff, 98, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wolff

She was born in Huntington County.

Surviving are her sons, James E. Wolff of Angola and Michael A. (Sandra) Wolff of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 30 great-great-grandchildren; and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred H. Wolff; her daughters, Nylla J. Cowan, and Rebecca A. Wilson; and a son, Delbert R Wolff.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road, with Pastor Dale M. Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne or St. Paul's County Line Church in Andrews, Ind.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Arla Jaquay-Harker

HOWE — Arla J. Jaquay-Harker, 58, of Howe died Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

According to her wishes cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Floyd Robbins

KENDALLVILLE — Floyd C. Robbins, 58, of Kendallville died Wednesday, June 2, 2010, in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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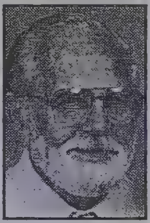
June 5, 2010, Saturday

Glenn Neukom

GARRETT — Glenn W. Neukom, age 86, of Garrett died on Friday, June 4, 2010, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Neukom

He was born January 7, 1924, in Adams County, Ind., to Christian and Rosinna (Witwer) Neukom. They preceded him in death.

He married Marcia M. Schnepp on January 25, 1947, in Decatur and she died February 13, 2007.

Glenn worked at Art Iron Inc. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1986. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served during World War II.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He is survived by a son, Wayne Neukom of Fort Wayne; sister, Mildred Wentland of Garrett; his grandchildren, LeighAnn Watkins, Christina Evans, Daniel Murley, Joseph Neukom, Samuel Neukom and Matthew Neukom; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mari Lynn Shulze; two brothers, Reno and Paul Neukom; and his sisters, Edna Peterson, Irene Curdes, Evelyn Ehinger, Marcella Frieburger, Florine Ehley and Edith Fister.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Dr. Scott Shoaff will officiate.

Following the service, a gathering for family and friends will be held at the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Lisa Emerson

FORT WAYNE — Lisa M. (Heintzelman) Emerson, 48, died Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born Sept. 12, 1961, the daughter of Bill and Rose (Burlage) Heintzelman.

She is survived by a son, Adam Grueb of Fort Wayne; her parents; a sister, Angie (Trent) Mosier of Leo, Ind.; and a half sister, Debbie Marker of Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and a brother Chris.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Central Church, S.R. 37, Fort Wayne, with a service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m..

Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, Ind.

Memorials may be made to IU Medcenter.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Earl Smith

SHIPSHEWANA — Earl “Fritz” Smith, 62, of Shipshewana died Friday, June 4, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home with the American Legion Post 210 chaplain officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Francis Groves

CRAIGSVILLE, W.Va. — Francis Groves of Craigsville and formerly of Kimmell and Albion died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in Summersville, W.Va.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service was held Friday. Burial will be in the cemetery at Nettie, W.Va.

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Chester Curtis

HUDSON — Chester G. Curtis, 64, of Hudson died Friday, June 4, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Curtis

Mr. Curtis formerly worked for Pent Products in Hamilton.

He was a member of the Angola Christian Church.

Mr. Curtis was born July 7, 1945, in Edon, Ohio, to Lawrence E. and Corda A. (Haddix) Curtis. His mother, Corda A. Curtis, survives in Angola. His father is deceased.

He married Carmen (Gena) McDaniel on Sept. 8, 2007. She survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are three sons, Steve (Stephanie) Curtis of Fairfield, Calif., Chet (Mindy) Burke of Fort Wayne and Chris Curtis of Angola; two daughters, Lisa Curtis of Angola and Danielle (Mark) Morgan of Hudson; four brothers, Doug (Sherma) Curtis of Angola, Lawrence "Larry" (Becky) Curtis of Angola, Darrell (Jackie) Curtis of Kentucky and Bob (Ronda) Curtis of Hamilton; two sisters, Teresa Ferrier and her companion, Norm Stocker, of Angola and Elizabeth-Twink Buckles of Angola; and eight grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Brandilynn Curtis.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Angola Christian Church, 1297 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangement.

Send condolences to johnson@bnin.net

Floyd Robbins

KENDALLVILLLE — Floyd Charles Robbins, 57, of Kendallville died Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 3:01 p.m. in his residence.

There will be service or visitation.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Robert McCoy

ALBION — Robert A. "Bob" McCoy Sr., age 71, died Friday, June 4, 2010, at 7 a.m. at his place of business, R.A. McCoy Inc. in Albion.

He was born on December 7, 1938, in Green Township, Noble County, and was the son of Leland and Eldora (Fulk) McCoy. He was married to Karol Harlan.

Mr. McCoy lived in Noble County all of his life and was the owner of R.A. McCoy Inc. for over 30 years.

He was a regular bowler at Albion Bowl, and played horseshoes in Kimmell.

He was a member of the Albion Golf League and enjoyed watching his grandkids play sports.

As a hobby he enjoyed genealogy.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert A. "Bob" Jr. and Kathy McCoy of Albion, and Michael and Nikole McCoy of Albion; his mother, Eldora McCoy of Albion; his grandchildren, Nick McCoy, Connor McCoy, Maria McCoy, Margaret McCoy and John "Jack" McCoy; a brother and sister-in-law, Stan and Pansey McCoy of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Peg and Keith Rupert and Donna Jean Coleman, all of Albion.

Memorial calling will be on Sunday, June 6, 2010, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cremation will take place.

Please make memorials in memory of Bob McCoy to the Albion Junior Baseball/Softball League Inc.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to make online condolences.

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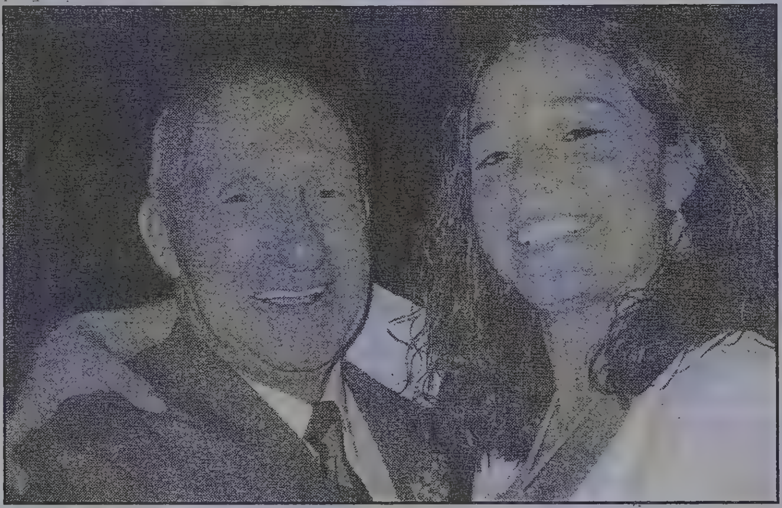
Max Julian always stayed true to himself



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Max Julian is remembered by his family for his honesty and spirit. Here he is with his granddaughter, Kristen.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Whether it was his service in the military, to the American Legion or to his children, Max Julian always stayed true to himself.

Julian, a World War II veteran who helped to build I-80 and installed sewer and water lines throughout the area, died May 28 at his Angola home. He was 83.

Julian enlisted in what was then the Army Air Corps following his graduation from Pleasant Lake High School in 1944. His daughter, Michele Kerr, pointed out that her father actually convinced the school's principal to test him early in order to get into the Air Corps at 17.

He joked to his family that he and 300 of his fellow recruits "washed out" as pilots, because there were simply too many of them to fill too few pilot slots. He instead became a part of a maintenance and supply group. That group ultimately worked in the Pacific, working on the electrical equipment for the Enola Gay, the bomber that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

Julian stayed in the Army after the war and was present for the famous atomic bomb test at the Bikini atoll. He told his children that the only instruction he was given before the blast was to "get to high land."

When he returned to Steuben County, Julian worked on both sides of the Ohio-Indiana line of I-80, working on a four-mile stretch of the Ohio turnpike and clearing land for the Indiana Toll Road near Michigan City. He also laid the sewer and water line for both Ashley and Hudson, along with clearing the land for Stewart Hall at Trine University. He also suggested that the Ashley water tower should be painted with the "smiley face" design it carries today.

Kerr noted that her father's love for moving dirt began early in life.

"As a small child, he converted a wagon into a simple backhoe," she noted.

Son Randy Julian remembered his father for, above all else, keeping his promises and being honest.

"My dad's loyalties in his life did not waiver," Randy said. "He once promised my teammates and me in Little League Baseball that if we went undefeated, he would provide us all with trophies and a trip to a Detroit Tigers major league game. No matter the cost, he did just that after we went undefeated. He followed through on his promises."

Julian was also a 60-year member of the American Legion, joining soon after exiting the service in 1949. He helped to move the Angola Legion to its current location just east of C.R. 200W and helped begin the tradition of the annual children's Easter egg hunt. He served as department commander for the state, helping to raise funds for both the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis and the Knightstown Children's Home.

Kerr said one of her father's favorite memories came at the Knightstown home. "The year that he was state commander, he dressed up as Santa and visited the preschool building. The doors and windows were filled with little faces all looking for the arrival of Santa. Once inside, a small little girl sat on Santa's lap and looked up and told him that 'she loved him.' It brought tears to his eyes."

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Orland woman killed when truck hits tree

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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MONGO — An Orland woman was killed and a Fremont man was injured Friday night when their vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree northeast of Mongo near Wall Lake.

Michelle M. Jenkot-Meier, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to a LaGrange County Sheriff's Department news release, David Stumph, no age reported, was driving a 1997 Ford truck too fast around curve on C.R. 11855E near the C.R. 600N intersection, just west of the LaGrange-Steuben county line. The truck left the roadway, struck a tree and then flipped onto its side.

Stumph and Jenkot-Meier were trapped and had to be extricated by the Orland Fire Department.

Stumph was flown to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The accident remains under investigation. The Orland Town Marshal's office and Indiana State police assisted at the scene.

An obituary for Jenkot-Meier appears on page A4.

Michelle Jenkot-Meier

ORLAND — Michelle M. Jenkot-Meier, 44, of Orland, died Friday, June 4, 2010, in LaGrange County.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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THE NEWS SUN
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Max Mitchell

FREMONT — Max Laverne Mitchell died surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Mitchell

He was born January 11, 1920, in Ray, Indiana, to Carlyle and Juanita (Pridgeon) Mitchell.

Max attended the Fremont, Indiana, schools and graduated from Fremont High School in 1937. While at Fremont, he participated in four years in varsity baseball, basketball and track. During his senior year, he won the state sectional long jump title and went on to participate at the state meet.

He attended Western Michigan University where he received his BA degree in 1941 and attended Indiana University, receiving his master's degree in 1951.

He married Thelma Martin in 1940 and they lived in Fremont their entire married lives.

Max was a teacher, coach, principal and school board member at Fremont High School for over 35 years and for three years was principal of Orland High School.

During his work career, he also served as assistant cashier for The First National Bank of Fremont.

Max was a World War II veteran and spent two years as a staff sergeant in the Army and was stationed in the Philippine Islands.

When he retired from the Fremont Community Schools, the school board honored him by naming all athletic fields the Max L. Mitchell Complex.

He was elected to the Indiana High School Athletic Association Board of Controls and was vice president of its Athletic Council. He held many offices while at Fremont: president of the Town Board, Chamber of Commerce president, commander of the American Legion, 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, 50-year member of the Pythian Lodge and longtime member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Max enjoyed baseball, reading, golf and fishing and was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and the Indiana Hoosiers basketball team.

Max is survived by his wife, Thelma, and three children, daughters Patty (Jerry) Champion and Kathy Lantz and son, Marty (Shirlee) Mitchell. He is also survived by his sister, Rosemary (Roger) Burlingame. He and Thelma have nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Two sisters preceded him in death, Janet Goodwin and Julee Lodder, and his parents also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010, at Fremont United Methodist Church with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Ray Covenanter Cemetery with military committal services conducted by members of American Legion Cassel Post 257.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church or Starr Commonwealth For Children.

Online condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ronald Targgart

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Edward Targgart, 73, of Kendallville died at 4:40 p.m. Monday, June 7, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Targgart was a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Targgart

He had worked for Frick Services in Wawaka for 42 years, retiring in August 1998. He was employed the past 11 years as a courier for Campbell & Fetter Bank.

Mr. Targgart was a member of the Wawaka Brethren Church.

He had donated a total of 85 pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

He was born January 31, 1937, in Noble County, Ind., to Ted and Mary (Domer) Targgart. He married Clara Mae High on June 14, 1955, in Wawaka. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Lambright of Topeka; a daughter-in-law, Crystal Targgart of Wawaka; five grandchildren, Rachel (Lambright) Eminger and her companion Larry Sickling of Granger, Matthew (Robyn) Targgart of Ligonier, Travis (Candice) Targgart of Kimmell, Adam Lambright of Topeka and Stacey (Travis) Holton of Atlanta, Ga.; two great-grandsons, Tyler Eminger of Howe and Layne Targgaret of Kimmell; a sister, Barbara (James) Eberly of LaGrange; two aunts, Margaret Horn of Topeka and Harriett (Bill) Moyer of LaGrange; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Roger Lee Targgart.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or the charity of the donor's choice.

Send online condolences to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Joe Clark

BRADINGTON, Fla. — Joe Clark, 67, of Bradington and a former longtime resident of Avilla and Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Bradington.

Mr. Clark had moved to Bradington two years ago following his retirement.

He enjoyed spending time at his summer home on Turkey Lake and fishing. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Dec. 1, 1942, in Logansport to Donald and Dorothy Clark. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his children, Troy and Ericka Clark of Albion, Diane Clark of Corunna, Paula and Bruce Jordan of Auburn, Karen and Michael Falkenstein of Sturgis, Mich., Randy Clark of Fort Wayne, Todd and Diane Coleman of Kendallville and Candy Knox of Kendallville; his grandchildren, Kristy Clark, Dustin Clark, Shaylynn, Kavin, Nathan Bottjer, Shawn Williams, Michael Williams, Whitney, Trevor, Mitchell, Andrew, Tayla, Tyler, Anthony, Ashley, Madie, Lily, Carrington and Tiffany; and a sister, Leann Williams of Logansport.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

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Adam Gamble

KENDALLVILLE — Adam Gamble, 81, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 6, 2010. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gamble was born in Knott County, Ky., on May 22, 1929, Ed and Callie (Combs) Gamble. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Jeff and Shirley Gamble of Camden, Ohio, Dennis and Kristy Gamble of Somerville, Ohio, and Gary Lee and Marvene Gamble of Farmersville, Ohio; a daughter, Brenda Kay Noble of Eaton, Ohio; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

No funeral services or visitation are scheduled.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

John Green

CHURUBUSCO — John W. "Bill" Green, 90, of Churubusco died Sunday, June 6, 2010, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Masonic services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Leslie Green Scholarship Fund, Parkview Home Health & Hospice or Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Send online condolences to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Samual Colbert

CROMWELL — Samual L. Colbert, 65, of Cromwell died Friday, June 4, 2010, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Funeral Mass will be at noon Saturday at All Saints Episcopal Church, 7812 Vawter Park Road, Syracuse.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Samual Colbert funeral fund, care of Owen Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46555.

Send condolences online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Anderson

AVILLA — Dorothy Owen Anderson, 86, of Avilla died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A celebration of life gathering will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Owen homestead, 5270 E. Baseline Road.

A memorial service will begin at 2:40 p.m.

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Virginia Winch

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — Virginia M. (Niese Niswander) Winch, 81, of Crystal River, Fla., died on Friday, June 4, 2010, in Inverness, Fla.

She was born November 12, 1928, in Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of the late Oscar and Ruth Niese.

Virginia taught at North Richland Adams School District in Jewel, Ohio for 30 years.

She was past president of the Ohio Education Association.

She also taught Head Start for 10 years in Brunerburg and Bible School at the United Church of the Brethren in Defiance for 10 years.

She retired from teaching in 1986 and moved to Florida where she has lived for the past 24 years.

Virginia was an avid painter and writer. She had written more than 90 unpublished romances and mysteries.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 49 1/2 years, Harold E. Niswander; a brother, Raymond Niese; and her beloved cat of 24 years of age, Smokette.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmie L. Winch of Crystal River, Fla.; two daughters, Roxanne Thompson (Jim) of Angola, Ind., and Louanne Yourth (Ronald) of Glen Gardner, N.J.; a son, Rex Niswander (Shelly) of Evansport, Ohio; a stepson, Timothy Winch (Cheryl) of McClure, Ohio; a brother, David Niece (Carol); sisters, Diane Keller (Charles) and Marlene Worthington, all of Stryker, Ohio; six grandchildren, Jamie Thompson, Rexanne Fuchs, Josh Haas, Ashley Niswander, Nicholas Yourth and Jennifer Yourth; stepgrandchildren, Audrey and Luke Winch; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270 Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation of Inverness, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Carlos Stultz

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Carlos Ray Stultz, 80, of Buckeye, Arizona, and formerly of Hamilton, Indiana, died Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Serenity Hospice and Palliative Care in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Stultz worked as a machine operator for Simpson Industries in Edon, Ohio, for over 40 years, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was born September 4, 1929, in Defiance, Ohio, to Cecil J. and Harriet (Miller) Stultz.

He married Carol Lou Aldrich on August 11, 1951. She passed away in 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlene Miron of Buckeye, Arizona; two sons, Kevin Stultz of Bakerfield, California, and Dennis Stultz of Phoenix, Arizona; two grandchildren, Laureen White of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jarrett Hulbert of Pleasant Lake, Indiana; and two brothers, James Stultz and Roger Stultz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a brother, Ronald Stultz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 Friday, June 11, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Palliative Care, 7227 North 16th St., Phoenix, AZ 85020-5293

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Martha Ringler

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Ann Ringler, age 84, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ringler

Mrs. Ringler was born in Avilla on February 16, 1926, to the late Fred and Hazel (Graber) Crothers.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1945.

Martha was employed in the past as a waitress. Many years ago, she was a waitress at Miller Truck Stop in Kendallville and when she moved to Nashville, Tennessee, she was a waitress for a restaurant at the Nashville Airport.

Later, Martha retired at Fort Meyers Beach, Florida, before moving back to Kendallville in 2000.

Survivors include a son, Bill and Linda Martin of Kendallville; a daughter, Melody and Kelly Campbell of Nashville, Tennessee; her grandchildren, Stacey Martin of Kendallville and Jeremy Martin of Westler Lake near Wolcottville; a great- granddaughter, Alivia Wappes; a sister, Cleo Mark of Avilla; a sister-in-law, Pauline Crothers of Avilla; and a brother-in-law, Irv Croy of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Patricia Croy and Mary Jane Brand, and her brother, Clifford Crothers.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 10, 2010, from noon to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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William Jordan

GARRETT — William A. Jordan, 58, died Monday June 7, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne due to complications from pneumonia.

Mr. Jordan

He was born in Garrett on March 12, 1952, to Donald G. and Roberta A. (Dawson) Jordan. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Garrett. He married Terry Hobbs on Aug. 5, 1972, in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and she survives in Garrett.

He was career military man, serving 20 years in the U.S. Army before retiring in 1993. After retiring from the Army, he worked in the health care field and he was in the process of getting a nursing degree before he became ill.

Mr. Jordan was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn, the Garrett American Legion Post and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was a former Director of DeKalb County Chorus, Former member of the Men's Quartet of Fort Wayne and the 33rd Army Choir of Europe.

Also surviving are daughters, Jenniffer Jordan of Fort Wayne, Jessica Jordan of Garrett and Jacqueline Jordan of Garrett; and two sisters and three brothers, Cindy (John) Tarlton of Hudson, Ed (Pam) Jordan of New Haven, Ray (Leona) Kratzman of Auburn, Steve (June) Jordan of Garrett, Joe (Teresa) Kratzman of Scottsburg and Penny Houser of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church.

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Bentley Radcliffe

COCO BEACH, Fla. — Bentley Gregg Radcliffe, 50, of Coco Beach and formerly of Albion died Sunday, June 6, 2010, in Florida.

Mr. Radcliffe

Mr. Radcliffe had been employed as a vehicle body man and painter.

He was a graduate of Central Noble High School.

He was born Feb. 7, 1960, in Kendallville to Kent and Gloria Radcliffe. They survive in Rockledge, Fla.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tiffany and Kenny Pankop of Kendallville, Tera and Kenny Morrill of Albion and Hanna Radcliffe and her mother, Lori, of Florida; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Jeff Schlotterback of Columbia City; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kevin Radcliffe of Florida and Kyle and Susan Radcliffe of Ohio; four grandchildren; a grandmother, Mary Lois Radcliffe of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place.

A paddle-out ceremony will be held at a later date at Coco Beach.

Debra Duke

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Debra Joyce Duke, 57, of Sherwood, Ohio, died at 8:48 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood, Ohio, with Pastor Kevin Doseck officiating. Burial is in Sherwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Paula Sneed

KENDALLVILLE — Paula M. Sneed, 61, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 6, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weathers Funeral Home in Salem, Ind.

Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and three hours prior to the services Thursday.

ALBION NEW ERA
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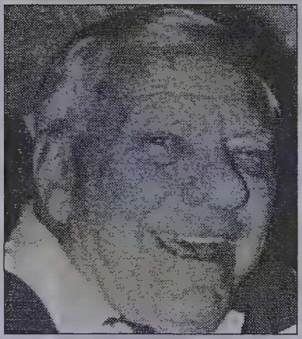

Thomas E. Childers, 84

Thomas E. Childers, age 84, of LaGrange died on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, Indiana.

Mr. Childers was born in Herrin, Illinois on October 28, 1925 to the late Milton C. and Maude (Wyatt) Childers.

He served his country in the United States Navy during WWII from 1943 to 1946 and received the Victory medal and the Asiatic-Pacific medal.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #2749 of Kendallville, the American Legion Post #381of Rome City,

Moose Lodge #1271 of Leesburg, Florida, the Mizpah Shrine, Wayne Lodge #25, Fort Wayne, and the Eagles Lodge of Fort Wayne.

He was a restaurant and hotel manager.

Survivors include:

Son, Bruce and Margaret Childers of Marion, Illinois.

Daughter, Cindy Marks of Marion, Illinois.

Three grandchildren: Megan, Courtney and Malerie.

Brother, Marshal Childers of California.

Sister, Peggy Fossi of Herrin, Illinois.

Sister, Jeanie and Herman Clavanna of Herrin.

Three nieces and one nephew.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Milton Childers and sisters, Margaret Ann and Mavis.

Memorial services and burial with military honors will be Friday, June 18, 2010 at 11:00 am at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Kendallville and Fort Wayne is the honored Veterans Funeral Care provider assisting the family with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at northernindianafuneralcare.com.

Adam Gamble, 71

Adam Gamble, age 71, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Gamble was born in Knott County, Kentucky on May 22, 1939 to late Ed and Callie (Combs) Gamble.

Survivors include three sons; Jeff and Shirley Gamble of Camden, Ohio, Dennis and Kristy Gamble of Somerville, Ohio, Gary Lee and Marvene Gamble of Farmersville, Ohio, a daughter; Brenda Kay Noble of Eaton, Ohio, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

No funeral service or visitation scheduled.

Francis Groves, 87

CRAIGSVILLE, West Virginia — Francis Groves, 87, of Craigsville, West Virginia, and formerly of Kimmell and Albion, Indiana, passed away June 1, 2010.

Mrs. Groves was born January 29, 1923 in Richwood, West Virginia. She was married to Raymond C. Groves.

She was the mother of Robert Allen Groves, Raymond Junior Groves, and Patricia Higginbotham. She had eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Groves chose cremation. Services were held Friday, June 4, 2010 with burial in Nettie Cemetery in West Virginia.

ALBION NEW ERA
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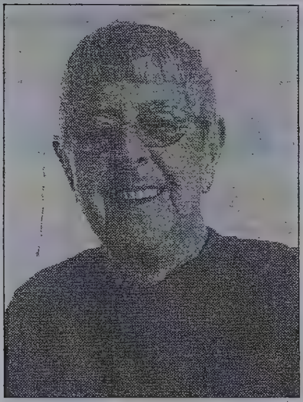

Dora J. Hobbs, 81

Dora J. Hobbs, age 81, of Michigan City, died Saturday, June 5 at her home in Michigan City.

The service will be held Thursday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Carlisle Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and also 10:00 a.m. until the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, IN on Friday at 1:00 p.m. EST.

Dora was born October 6, 1928 in Albion, IN to Edward and Georgiana (Savoie) Campbell, both of whom preceded her in death. On May 25, 1955, in Columbia City, she married Arnold G. Hobbs, he passed away in 1992.

Surviving is her daughter Babette (Don) Littlefield of Valparaiso, son Barth A. Hobbs of Michigan City; grandson Ian R. Littlefield of Valparaiso, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Walter Campbell, and sisters Annabelle Clark, Helen Rouch, Loretta Black and Evelyn Campbell.

Mrs. Hobbs had been a bookkeeper with B & E Marina for 40 years.

She was very active in the Republican party and polls, a member of Women of the Moose Lodge #980 in Michigan City, and a member of the U.S. Humane Society. She loved her dogs Boo-Boo and Cookie. She enjoyed her family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michiana Humane Society.

To leave private or public condolences or sign the guest book, visit www.carlislefh.com.

Robert A. "Bob" McCoy, 71

Robert A. "Bob" McCoy Sr., age 71, died Friday, June 4, 2010 at 7:00 AM at his place of business, R.A. McCoy Inc. in Albion.

He was born on December 7, 1938 in Green Township, Noble County, and was the son of Leland and Eldora (Fulk) McCoy. He was married to Karol Harlan.

Mr. McCoy lived in Noble County all of his life and was the owner of R.A. McCoy Inc. for over 30 years.

He was a regular bowler at Albion Bowl, and played horseshoes in Kimmell. He was a member of the Albion Golf League and enjoyed watching his grandkids play sports. As a hobby he enjoyed genealogy.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert A. "Bob" Jr. and Kathy McCoy of Albion, and Michael and Nikole McCoy of Albion; his mother, Eldora McCoy of Albion; grandchildren, Nick McCoy, Connor McCoy, Maria McCoy, Margaret McCoy, and John "Jack" McCoy.

A brother and sister-in-law, Stan and Pansey McCoy of Churubusco, two sisters, and a brother-in-law, Peg and Keith Rupert, and Donna Jean Coleman all of Albion.

Cremation will take place.

Please make memorials in memory of Bob McCoy to the Albion Junior Baseball/ Softball League Inc.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to make online condolences.

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Galen Eugene Swogger, 84

Galen Eugene Swogger, age 84, currently of Avilla, formerly of rural Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday evening, June 2, 2010, at Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Swogger was born in Wayne Township of Noble County, Indiana on August 14, 1925 to Murton Warren and Bessie Mae (Hovarter) Swogger. His parents died at an early age and Galen was raised by his brother and sister-in-law, Clair and Iva.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943.

Galen married Alice Elaine Berry on January 19, 1947 at the Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Galen's family was of upmost importance to him. He took great pride in the next generation of Swogger great grandchildren.

He was involved in agriculture and dairy farming all his life. Galen had the top Registered Holstein herd in Dekalb County for many years. He also worked in Indianapolis for the United States Department of Agriculture in the Federal Crop Insurance Department from 1980-1990.

Galen was a pillar of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He was a longtime and dedicated member where he was an active lay leader and held many offices within the church. He was the chairman of the Pastor Parrish Committee, served on the Building Committee, taught Sunday school class for many years, and was the delegate at the annual United Methodist Church Conference.

He was a member of the Mid America Windmill Mueseum and served as a director for eight years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #460 of Avilla, the 32nd degree Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and the Noble Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #122. He also was a member of the Avilla Lions Club. Galen and Alice loved to travel together and had been all over the world.

Survivors include:

His wife of 63 years, Alice Swogger of Avilla.

Son, Todd and Chris Swogger of Omaha, Nebraska.

Son, Scott and Jane Swogger of Kendallville.

Son, Lee and Gwendolyn Swogger of Kendallville.

Seven grandchildren: Matt and Lisa Swogger of Rome City, Andy and Holly Swogger of Kendallville, Rob and Stacy Swogger of Ohmaha, Martin Swogger and Jessica of Kendallville, Katrina and Travis Weaver of Huntington, Patrick Swogger and Shauna of Kendallville and Anna Swogger and Greg of Kendallville.

Eight great grandchildren.

There are many nieces and nephews that also survive.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clair Swogger and Leon Swogger, and two sisters,

Joyce Weber and Mary D. Weihmiller.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville following the funeral.

Casketbearers were Matt, Andy, Martin, Patrick, Rob, and Ken Swogger, and John Weihmiller.

Honorary bearers were Eugene Weber, Carl Weber, Dale Weber and Ron Swogger.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Calvary United Methodist Church.

The Swogger family entrusted the Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville with the funeral arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or visit Hite Funeral Home on FaceBook.com.

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Ronald Edward Targgart, 73

Ronald Edward Targgart, age 73, from Kendallville, IN, died June 7, 2010 at 4:40 a.m. from natural causes at his residence.

He was born January 31, 1937 in Noble County, IN, to Ted and Mary (Domer) Targgart.

He married Clara Mae High on June 14, 1955 in Wawaka, IN.

Ronald was a lifetime area resident and worked for Frick Services in Wawaka, IN for 42 years and retired in August, 1998. He was recently employed as a courier at Campbell and Fetter Bank for the last 11 years.

He was a member of the Wawaka Brethren Church and a blood donor of the American Red Cross with a total of 85 pints donated.

Survivors include: his wife, Clara Mae Targgart of Kendallville; a daughter, Karen Lambright, Topeka, IN; a daughter-in-law, Crystal Targgart of Wawaka, IN; five grandchildren; Rachel (Lambright) Eminger and companion Larry Sickling, Granger, Matthew (Robyn) Targgart, Ligonier, Travis (Candice) Targgart, Kimmell, Adam Lambright, Topeka, IN; Stacey (Travis) Holton, Atlanta, GA.

Two great-grandsons: Tyler Eminger, Howe, and Layne Targgart, Kimmell; a sister, Barbara (James) Eberly, LaGrange. Two aunts; Margaret Horn, Topeka, IN and Harriet (Bill) Myer, LaGrange. Numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roger Lee Targgart and his parents.

Funeral services will be at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Ronald will be laid to rest in the Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions are to be to American Red Cross or Charity of the donor's choice.

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Elizabeth J. Stuckman, 102

Elizabeth J. Stuckman, age 102, died Monday, March 22, 2010 at 4:30 PM in the LuAnn Nursing Home in Nappanee, IN from a sudden illness.

She was born September 27, 1907 to Pindell and Grace (Peyton) Prickett in Albion, IN.

Elizabeth married Guy Stuckman June 11, 1927 in Churubusco, IN. He preceded her in death.

She was an Albion High School graduate. She worked at the Ligonier Leader as a linotype operator. She also was a member of the United Church of Christ in Iowa. She read two newspapers daily, sent out numerous Christmas cards to friends and family, and enjoyed the library.

Survivors include: a daughter, Jahala Kay Robie, Nappanee, IN; two grandsons, Kevin (Allison) Robie and Tim (Beth) Robie; three great-grandchildren and two sisters, Esther Helmke and Mary Lois Radcliffe, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, John, Joseph, Ben, Peyton and Paul Prickett, and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held Friday, June 11, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Rosehill Cemetery, Albion, IN.

Officiating the service will be Kristen Miller Pettit from the United Christian Church, Fort Wayne, IN.

Memorials can be made to the Nappanee Public Library.

Ella Patricia Wirick, 83

Ella Patricia Wirick, age 83, died Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 12:50 PM at her son and daughter-in-law's home in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for the past 7 weeks.

She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on July 30, 1927, and was the daughter of George A. and Nellie Pearl (Rady) Gardner. She came to the Albion community on August 15, 1969.

Mrs. Wirick was a cook and bartender at the Amercian Legion Post 243 in Albion from 1970 until 1990. She was a very active member of the Legion's Auxillary, and has been a member of the Women's Auxilliary since 1970. She enjoyed crocheting, word searches and spending time with her grandchildren.

She married her first husband Jesse Jauregui. He precedes her in death. She married Roger H. Dustman on August 15, 1969, who died on May 4, 1981. She married Robert H. Wirick on December 12, 1981, who died on December 2, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Georgiann and Rick Drayer of Woodburn, Indiana; Four sons and two daughters- in-law, Phillip and Christi Jauregui of Fort Wayne; William and Janet Jauregui of Fort Wayne; Jeffrey Jauregui and Robert Jauregui, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wirick were Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor David Henry officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorials to Parkview Hospice.

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Jeanette Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Jeanette Slone, age 83, of rural Kendallville, died on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at North Ridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Slone

Mrs. Slone was born in Wayland, Kentucky, on January 24, 1927, to the late Estill and Lona (Salyers) Smith.

She married Winston Slone on February 9, 1945, in Kentucky and moved to Noble County 1955.

Mr. Slone preceded her in death September 12, 1995.

Jeanette was retired from Flint & Walling in Kendallville after 18 years of service.

She loved gardening and canning and quilting in her younger days.

Jeanette had many friends and loved the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bill and Roselma Slone of South Milford and Ed and Penny Slone of Albion; her grandchildren, Billy Slone Jr. of Auburn, Angela Slone of Kendallville, Eddie and Rachel Slone of Kendallville, Brett Slone of Kendallville, Troy Slone of Kendallville, Joel and Kathy Smart of LaGrange, Amanda Smith of Kendallville, Robert Iden and Jenifer Iden both of Albion and Dominiq Slone of Albion; her great-grandchildren, Antonio Figueroa, Cain Slone, Morgan and Dylan Gamble, Annie Anglin, Eddie Slone III, Trisha Marizon, Isaiah and Sara Smart, and Hailey Slone; a great-great grandchild; five brothers; and five sisters.

Visitation will be Friday, June 11, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Officiating the funeral service will be the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist ministers.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Eddie Slone Jr., Brett Slone, Troy Slone, Billy Slone Jr., Joel Smart and Robert Iden.

View a video tribute by Friday.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or on Facebook.com

Kenneth Maier

ANGOLA — Kenneth K. Maier Sr., 84, of Angola died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Maier had retired from Weatherhead in Angola.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Maier was a 65-year member of the Orland American Legion and a member of VFW Post 7205 of Angola.

He was born Sept. 22, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, to Marriell and Leeta (Gill) Maier. He married Doris Creager on Aug. 3, 1946. She preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth K. Maier Jr. of Goshen and Larry W. Maier of Hudson; and two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Alan Wiggin of Pembroke, Mass., and Vicki and Ron Northup of LaGrange.

There will be no services.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Send condolences online to www.weichtfh.com

Anthony Carter

SYRACUSE — Anthony M. Carter, 23, of Syracuse, Ind., passed away unexpectedly May 29, 2010, in Taylorsville, KY.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Robert Shannon

WAWAKA — Robert "R.L." Shannon, 81, of Wawaka died Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Shannon was a journeyman bricklayer. He had worked for the railroad, and worked for Excel Distribution in Albion. After retirement he mowed for the state at Chain O' Lakes State Park and at Tri County DNR site. He also worked at Walmart in Kendallville.

Mr. Shannon

He had served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Shannon was a life member of the VFW in Syracuse, the American Legion in Millersburg, and the Eagles in Ligonier.

He was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Elkhart County to Arthur and Emma Faye (Speckeen) Shannon. On March 2, 1991, in Albion. He married Kay Ann Bloom on March 2, 1991, in Albion. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two daughters, Connie Spillman of Radcliffe, Ky., and Teresa Huffer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Scott (Jean) Shannon of Millersburg; two stepdaughters, Jennie (Duane) Luft of Florida and Carrie(Mitch) Thompson of Wawaka; one stepson, Jeff (Becky) Weber of Vincennes; eight grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and two sisters, Betty Shannon of Syracuse and Marilyn Good of Oklawawa, Fla.

He was preceded in death by one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Debra Duke

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Debra Joyce Duke, age 57, of Sherwood, passed away peacefully at 8:48 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan.

Mrs. Duke

Deb was born April 29, 1953, in Superior, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Henry and Ruth (Avery) Beeman. She married Larry F. Duke Sr., on May 1, 1971, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and he survives.

Deb loved to crochet and was a computer geek. Her vice in life was to play bingo.

She would assist anyone who would need help and was a great mom and grandma to many.

Surviving are her husband, Larry of Sherwood; one son, Larry (Brandi) Duke Jr., of Waterloo, Indiana; two daughters, Kelly (Tim) Grandey of Hicksville and Shelly Eriksen of Waterloo, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Mary Duke of Sherwood; four brothers, Henry Beeman of Bryan, Bradley (Anna) Beeman of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Robert Belford of Superior, Wisconsin, and Claude Thompson of Seattle, Washington; four sisters, Alvina Webster of Bryan, Brenda Belford of Bryan, Roberta McDaniel of Bryan and Kathy Ottinger of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her son, Benjiman Duke; a brother, Kenneth Thompson; and two sisters, Marlene Beeman and Michelle Webster.

Visitation for Debra Joyce Duke will be held today, Thursday, June 10, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2010, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, Sherwood, with Pastor Kevin Doseck officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in the name of Debra Joyce Duke may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

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Charles Childs

Mr. Childs

GASTON — Charles E. Childs, 88, father of Churubusco funeral director C. Gregory Childs and widely acquainted Gaston businessman and community leader, passed away at 4:15 a. m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been a resident there since December 2008.

Mr. Childs was born in Matthews on July 1, 1921, the youngest of 11 children born to Oliver Morton and Junietta Ruth (Morris) Childs. He spent his formative years in that community, and graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1939. Upon his graduation, he worked for a period in a grocery store and meat market in Muncie, and on his 21st birthday, was inducted into the U. S. Army during World War II.

He served as an enlisted man, private 1st class, corporal, sergeant, and staff sergeant. Initially discharged in Germany at the conclusion of the war, he was inducted back into the U. S. Army and received a battlefield commission upon the recommendation and under the command of General George S. Patton Jr., and by an act of Congress. Serving in the European Theater and in the Battle of Germany, he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

On September 9, 1945, he was married in Gaston to Barbara Ann Rench. The couple lived in Columbia, South Carolina, for a period, and following his military discharge in 1946, moved to Gaston where they spent all of their adult lives. As a young man he joined his father-in-law A. M. Rench, in the family's lumber and hardware business in Gaston. Along with his wife, the couple owned and operated the former Gaston-Rench Lumber Company in Gaston for over 40 years until his retirement in 1990.

In addition to his family and business concerns, his life was marked by active participation in church and community affairs. He was a member of the Gaston United Methodist Church, where he had held a variety of administrative positions, taught Church School, and sang in its Chancel Choir. He was a member of Matthews Lodge 650 F&AM, Purity Order of the Eastern Star 126 in Hartford City, and had been an active volunteer in a variety of civic activities throughout his adult life.

In 1980, he and his wife were honored as the Gaston Citizens of the Year. At that celebration he said, "The Lord has run my life far better than I could have. I say it, I believe it, and I try to live by it. I am far the richer, and I know the happier, for it."

In his leisure time he found joy in lawn work, dining out, church activities, spending occasional weekends at Epworth Forest, and supporting Gaston and Wes-Del athletic teams. Most of all he will be remembered as a patient man who never raised his voice, and was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a friend to many.

Mrs. Childs preceded him in death on November 14, 2008.

The surviving relatives include his son and daughter-in-law C. Gregory and Dr. Jeanine Childs of Churubusco; a brother Robert C. (Ruby) Childs of Warren; a sister, Illon Freese of Hartford City; and three grandsons, Drew (Becca) Childs of Indianapolis, Perry Childs of Churubusco, and Joel (Brittany) Childs of Huntington.

In addition to his parents and his spouse, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl O. W. Childs, Herman L. Childs, LD Childs, and O. Morris Childs; and by four sisters, infants Neva and Nina Childs, Delight Gadbury and Elizabeth Losh.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at the Gaston United Methodist Church, 107 N. Main St., Gaston, with the Rev. John Long, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m., or at the church two hours prior to the service Sunday afternoon.

Interment will be in the Thompson Cemetery, west of Gaston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Gaston United Methodist Church, 107 N. Main St., Gaston, IN 47342; or Taylor University Department of Music, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Childs' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Mark Scouten

ST. JOE — Mark A. Scouten, 45, of St. Joe passed away at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a foreman at Vulcraft and was a professional body builder.

In 1982, he graduated from Antwerp High School.

Mark enjoyed canoeing and basketball.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio, on Aug. 12, 1964, to Linda (Powell) West and Gerald Scouten.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Adam of St. Joe; his stepson, Jason (Lindsay) Wilson of Concord, N.C.; his mother, Linda West of Antwerp; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Lana Scouten, of Antwerp; his sister, Heather VanWagner of Fort Wayne; and his brothers, John of Berne and David of Fort Wayne.

His funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, with viewing one hour prior. Rev. Merle Holden will officiate.

Viewing is also be today, Friday, from 2-8 pm.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Anthony Carter

TAYLORSVILLE, Ky. — SPC Anthony Michael Carter, 22, of Fort Knox, Ky., and formerly of the area, died unexpectedly on May 29, 2010 in Taylorsville, Kentucky.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home,1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Carter's uncle, Randy Penwell, officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with full military honors.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

Stuart Long

MIDDLEBURY — Stuart Edward Long, 52, of Middlebury, died at 10:28 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Elkhart General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jeff Immel officiating. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bristol.

Visitation will be 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 South Main Street, Middlebury. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Harlan

AVILLA — Evelyn M. Harlan, 88, of Avilla passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Noble County to Walter and Flossie Albertson.

She worked as a registered nurse in Kendallville for Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Patel.

She was also a member of the hospital board at McCray Memorial Hospital. She served as Director of Nurses at the former Garrett Hospital.

She is survived by two sons, Max Harlan and Thomas (Vonda) Harlan both of Avilla; four grandchildren, Christian (Michelle) Harlan, Chad (Jaque) Harlan of Avilla, Chayne Harlan of Avilla and Cory Harlan of Fort Knox, Ky.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Officiating will be Rev. Ken Robinson and David Baird.

Calling will be today, Friday, June 11, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. Preferred memorials are to Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla.

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Margaret Mumma

SPENCERVILLE — Margaret Ann Mumma, 85, died Thursday, June 10, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Mumma was a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Columbia City Eagles.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1924, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, to Benjamin Franklin and Jennie Florence (Mahan) Dear. She married Richard Mumma on April 18, 1947, in Ft. Wayne. He died April 9, 1997.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Mike Speidel of Grand Junction, Colo., Kathe and Duane Baker of Springfield, Ohio, Vicki and Robert Forrest of Waterloo, Barbara and Ronald Fuleki of Warsaw, and Beth and Chris Christy of Raymond, N.H.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Donna Mumma of Hollywood, Fla., and David Mumma of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Betty Dear of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Lucille Ross of Angola; 18 grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five sisters; and one brother.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

H. Naomi Frazier

CHURUBUSCO — H. Naomi Frazier, 91, of Churubusco died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Private family services will be held.

There will be no visitation.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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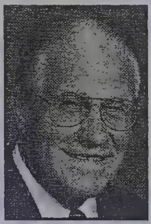
Roger Kain

AUBURN — Roger L. Kain, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, June 10, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.


Mr. Kain

Mr. Kain was a salesman for R.P. Wakefield Co. in Waterloo, retiring in 2005.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in the South Pacific during World War II.

He served four years on the DeKalb County Council and was a DeKalb Circuit Court bailiff for four years.

He was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and was a charter member of the Auburn Elks.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Auburn to Calvin C. and Mabel (Guthrie) Kain. He married Mary Lu Widney on Feb. 3, 1951, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Robert Kuntz of Auburn, Susan and Thomas Guyre of Crown Point and Mary Ann and Steven Hathaway of Garrett; one son, Thomas Kain of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Patricia McDarby.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 211 West Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

A private family committal service will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Ruth Hoeppner

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Hoeppner, 87, died Friday, June 11, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending with Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Fort Wayne, a division of Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Terry Moore

ANGOLA — Terry Moore, 54, of Angola died Friday, June 11, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Private services will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Monica Daniels

GARRETT — Monica J. Daniels, 56, died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Miller's Merry Manor, 1367 S. Randolph St.

Arthur Barringer

BRISTOL — Arthur L. Barringer, 95, of Bristol died Friday, June 11, 2010, at Elkhart Hospice House.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Tucker

FRANKLIN, IND. — Marjorie Helen Tucker, 86, of Franklin died Thursday, June 10, 2010, in Franklin.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, June 14, 2010 at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St., Franklin.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at Lagro Cemetery, Lagro.

Calling will be from 1 p.m. to time of funeral service Monday at the funeral home.

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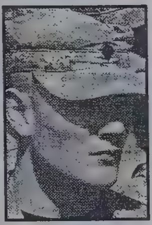
Anthony Carter


Mr. Carter

LIGONIER — Spc. Anthony Michael Carter, age 22, of Fort Knox, Ky., and formerly an area resident, died unexpectedly after a swimming accident on May 29, 2010, at Taylorsville Lake in Kentucky. After an extensive search by state and local authorities and many volunteers, he was found on June 8, 2010.

He was born on July 19, 1987, in Kendallville, Indiana, at McCray Memorial Hospital to Shawn E. Carter and Tina K. Carter-Bailey.

Anthony attended West Noble schools until his seventh-grade year. He then attended and graduated from Fairfield High School in Goshen, Indiana, in 2006.

Anthony enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard on December 1, 2005. He attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and graduated from Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Carpentry and Masonry Specialist, from the Naval Construction Training Center in Gulfport, Mississippi, on November 17, 2006. Shortly after completing AIT, Anthony completed the Battle Focus Training Course at Fort Leonard Wood. He served with the 1413th Engineer Detachment located at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He also served with Detachment 8 of the 138th Regiment in South Bend, Indiana.

Anthony was mobilized to Afghanistan with the 1613th Engineer Company from LaPorte, Indiana, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on March 4, 2009. He served with the 1613th until the end of November 2009, after which he was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Anthony's career was characterized by faithful dedication to duty. Always a true professional, Anthony will be missed and mourned by all whose lives he touched. All who know him knew he was excited about becoming a soldier, and loved being one.

He attended Ligonier Church of Christ and more than anything, was devoted to his family and friends whom he loved dearly.

Survivors include his parents, Tina K. (Robert) Bailey of Wawaka, Ind., and Shawn E. Carter and his fiancee, Michelle Holt, of New Paris, Ind.; a sister, Niqole Rene Carter of Rome City, Ind.; paternal grandmother, Sandy L. Hartman; maternal grandparents, Barry L. and Florence E. (Betty) Thompson; and great-grandmothers, Barbara Lehman and Jenny Keene. Also by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, whom he considered friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, George A. Carter, and grandfather, Walter E. Hartman.

A funeral service will be held in his honor on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, 1589 Lincolnway South with Anthony's uncle, Randy Penwell, officiating. He will be laid to rest in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind., with full military honors.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 13, 2010. from 1-5 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 26 Broadway, 14th floor, New York, NY 10004

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Family grieves solider

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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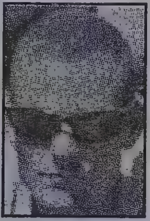
LIGONIER — A family's pride for their son and his service to his country as a member of the armed forces turned to grief this week.



Carter

Family and friends mourned the untimely death of Spc. Anthony Carter, who survived two tours of duty in Afghanistan as a member of the Indiana National Guard, only to drown while swimming with friends near Fort Knox, Ky., over Memorial Day weekend.

Carter's body was brought back to Ligonier on Friday. His flag-draped coffin was carried out of a white hearse by a military funeral detail in full dress uniform.

Carter, 22, grew up in the Kimmell area and attended West Noble schools until his family

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SOLDIER: *Visitation for Carter continues today*

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moved to the New Paris area when he was in the seventh grade. His father, Shawn Carter and his mom, Tina Carter, still live in this area along with many other family members.

"This is not the kind of homecoming I wanted for my son," a grieving Shawn Carter said as he watched his son being brought into the Yeager Funeral Home Friday afternoon. An Indiana thunderstorm provided a solemn backdrop for the ceremony. A row of large American flags graced the perimeter of the funeral home parking lot, as a handful of visitors stood at attention while the funeral detail did its job.

Visitation took place Saturday and continues today for Anthony Carter, and his funeral is set for Monday.

Carter, who would have turned 23 in July, had been assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Knox since November. He had served in Afghanistan with the Indiana National Guard's 1613th Engineer Company before his assignment to Fort Knox.

He was making plans to attend college when his four-year military hitch was over in another year.

His father and mother had to wait more than a week for his body to be recovered from Taylorsville Lake in Kentucky after he went under the water on May 29. They held out hope for a miracle, until receiving the call they did not want to get last Tuesday that divers had found their son.

Shawn Carter traveled to Kentucky on Wednesday to claim his son's body. A military funeral was held at Fort Knox on Thursday. His civilian funeral in Ligonier will also include full military honors as the body is laid to rest at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

His father said the funeral at Fort Knox was the first step in the grieving process for himself and other family members. He praised the efforts of the military leaders at his son's Army base to give him a proper sendoff. His son's commanding officer arrived with the coffin in Ligonier on Friday, and she will remain with the family throughout the weekend and Monday's funeral.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A military funeral detail carries the coffin containing Spec. Anthony Carter into the Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier on Friday. Carter died on May 29 while swimming near Fort Knox, Ky.

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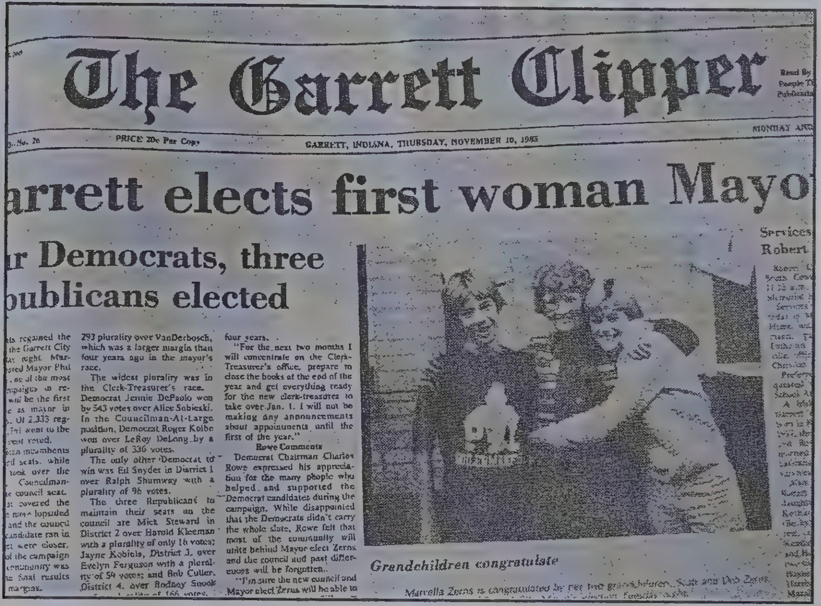
Clabaugh led way as woman mayor



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293 plurality over VanDerbosch, which was a larger margin than four years ago in the mayor's race.

The widest plurality was in the Clerk-Treasurer's race. Democrat Jennie DePaolo won by 543 votes over Alice Sobieski. In the Councilman-At-Large position, Democrat Roger Kolbe won over LeRoy DeLong by a plurality of 336 votes.

The only other Democrat to win was Ed Snyder in District 1 over Ralph Shumway with a plurality of 96 votes.

The three Republicans to maintain their seats on the council are Mick Steward in District 2 over Harold Kleeman with a plurality of only 16 votes; Jayne Kobiela, District 3, over Evelyn Ferguson with a plurality of 59 votes; and Bob Culler, District 4, over Rodney Snook of 166 votes.

four years.

"For the next two months I will concentrate on the Clerk-Treasurer's office, prepare to close the books at the end of the year and get everything ready for the new clerk-treasurer to take over Jan. 1. I will not be making any announcements about appointments until the first of the year."

Rowe Comments

Democrat Chairman Charles Rowe expressed his appreciation for the many people who helped and supported the Democrat candidates during the campaign. While disappointed that the Democrats didn't carry the whole slate, Rowe felt that most of the community will unite behind Mayor elect Zerns and the council and past differences will be forgotten.

"I'm sure the new council and Mayor elect Zerns will be able to

Grandchildren congratulate

Marcella Zerns is congratulated by her two grandchildren, Scott and Deb Zerns.

Services
Robert

FILE ILLUSTRATION

A newspaper headline from 1983 proclaims the election of Garrett's first female mayor.

BY SUE CARPENTER
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"Garrett elects first woman mayor," read the boldface headline in the Nov. 10, 1983, issue of The Garrett Clipper.

Marcella Zerns Clabaugh had achieved a goal that only four or five pioneering females in the state had attained — the office of city mayor.

Mrs. Clabaugh died May 11, 2010, at the age of 87.

Her rise to the top city post came after years in city government. She served the city for 37 years, first as assistant to Mayor Fred L. Feick for 13 years.

Mrs. Clabaugh

In 1964, then-Mayor C.E. Miller appointed her to take over the post of clerk-treasurer following the resignation of Bertha Beeber. She was re-elected to that office for four terms, until 1983, when she ran as the Democratic nominee for mayor against GOP incumbent Phil Vanderbosch. Her candidacy drew supporters on both sides of the political aisle, according to current Garrett Clerk-treasurer Jennie DePaolo, who succeeded Clabaugh in that office.

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"(Marcella) was so highly regarded. Garrett resident Mary Mountz held a tea in her home in honor of Marcella's candidacy for mayor," DePaolo recalled. Several supporters attended the function.

Clabaugh was elected mayor in the fall of 1983, making her the first female mayor in DeKalb County, as well.

Her decision to run followed the untimely deaths of her first husband, Maxwell Zerns, and only child, son Joel, both in 1979 of apparent heart attacks.

Clabaugh and DePaolo were involved with the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers. Both served as presidents during their careers. Johnnie Riley, a former supervisor with the Indiana State Board of Accounts, told conference members how he was amazed that Clabaugh was able to come before the body at a difficult personal time in her life to conduct her duties as state president that year.

DePaolo recalls Clabaugh's sense of humor and how she enjoyed having a good time. At a state league convention, Clabaugh was reported to have "cut a mean jitterbug" on the dance floor by a city clerk in attendance from Highland.

Ann Garoffolo-Goar, formerly of Lebanon and now of Frankfort, was also a long-term clerk-treasurer who was elected as her city's mayor in 1983. She recalled Clabaugh as "a lovely person who brought out the best in all of us."

DePaolo considers herself lucky to have followed Clabaugh in the clerk-treasurer's office.

"She seemed so poised and respected in the community, and an established part of City Hall. She was even my husband's Cub Scout leader," DePaolo said.

Mayor Herb Kleeman, who served three terms beginning in 1991, recalls Clabaugh as a "wonderful woman for Garrett. All her life was devoted to the city."

Kleeman said she would visit his office regularly.

"She was always willing to talk, very pleasant. But she never tried to steer or direct," he said.

DePaolo agreed.

"I do not recall her, even once, trying to suggest I carry out a procedure or function 'her way' from her experience. There was no reason to worry about intimidation," DePaolo said.

Mrs. Clabaugh served only one term. At the time, she said it was "not an easy decision" to not seek a second term.

She remarked that after giving 37 years to the city, she wanted to relax and enjoy life in her hometown. During her term as mayor, she married Don Clabaugh. Clabaugh was devoted to her family, especially her grandchildren, Scott and Debbie. She also was an active member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where she was a member of the choir.

Upon leaving the office of mayor, Clabaugh listed several highlights from her tenure, including growth of the city through annexation by adding 160 acres for a new industrial park and mobile home park.

Two $400,000 grants to the city improved drainage, resurfaced the South Road and helped rebuild the old utility department substation — projects that were completed without burdening the taxpayers with a bond issue. She reported that good management of city funds left the city in good financial shape for her successor.

DeKalb County Democrats honored her as the first female mayor in the county at a meeting in 1984.

"She was always pleased with where she had been and what she accomplished," Kleeman said.

Phillip Fisher

FREMONT — Phillip M. Fisher, 63, of Fremont, died Friday, June 11, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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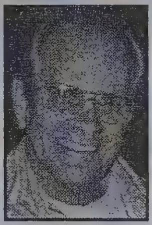
Arthur Teegardin

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Arthur Y. "Art" Teegardin, 69 years, of Sherwood died at 4:50 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010, in his residence with his family at his side while under the care of Community Health Professionals Hospice.


Mr. Teegardin

Art was born December 1, 1940, in Steuben County, Indiana, the son of Derryll R. and Mildred R. (Piper) Teegardin.

Art served his country in the United States Army.

He married Ruth A. Eck on October 6, 1961 in Bryson City, North Carolina, and that marriage ended in divorce after 17 years. He then married Lois F. Burkhart on October 3, 2003, and she survives.

Art had been a truck driver for Farmers Ag Service in Butler, Indiana. He then moved to Ohio and worked for the village of Sherwood, retiring in 2003. He was also the owner of Art Enterprises and Auto Care.

Art was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, the Butler Eagles Aerie 2733 and the Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233 and a social member of the Sherwood VFW Post 5665.

Surviving is his wife, Lois of Sherwood; his children, Laurie Coburn of Butler, Indiana, Loretta (Mark) Mock of Ney, Ohio, Jim J. Teegardin of Ney, Ohio, Clayton A. (Michelle) Williams of Defiance and Denny L. Repp of Findlay, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; ;seven great-grandchildren; the mother of his children, Ruth A. Teegardin; one brother, William L. (Cathy) Teegardin of South Carolina; three sisters, Mary Hartman of Coldwater, Michigan, Betty Hoover of Bryan and Edith Webster of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Russell A. Teegardin, brother, Derryll A. "Archie" Teegardin and two sisters, Marjorie Teegardin and Helen Marie Phillips.

Visitation for Art Teegardin will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood, where funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010, where military rites will be conducted by the Sherwood VFW Post 5665.

Memorials contributions in the name of Art Teegardin may be given to the family to assist with medical costs or given to Community Health Professionals Hospice 6825 S.R. 66 North, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Robert Borst

KENDALLVILLE — Robert L. Borst, died Saturday, June 12, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Borst was born February 3, 1916, in Hudson, Indiana ,the only son of the late Herbert L. and Lois VanPelt Borst.

On May 9,1937 he married Helen Hinkley and they were married for 69 years.

Mrs. Borst passed away on February 27, 2007.

They enjoyed their retirement years living in Kendallville during the summer and Lady Lake, Florida, during the winter. They both enjoyed traveling.

Mr. Borst was employed by Kraft Foods for over 40 years and retired in March 1979.

Robert was a past member of the Elks. He enjoyed golfing as his hobby, and in his younger days as a licensed pilot, he loved to fly airplanes.

Mr. Borst is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane L. and Thomas C. Jones of Cutbank, Montana, and Carol L . and Roger E. Forker of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert L . and Judith Borst of Casper, Wyoming; seven grandchildren, Kathleen Smith, Douglas Jones, Gena Jones, Tara Odom, Gregory Borst, Brian Borst and Jeffrey Forker; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Mr. Fisher

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Fisher was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 and the Fremont Moose Lodge 2387.

He enjoyed his close friends and family and enjoyed being a part of the Fremont American Legion and Fremont Moose Lodge.

He was born June 26, 1946, in Flint, Mich. to Bill and Florence (Westfall) Fisher.

Surviving are three nephews, Johnnie Bowen of Fremont, Stanley and Deana Bowen of Angola and Jeff Anderson of Flint, Mich.; a niece, Ginger Fifield of Fremont; and many great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with military honor guard services conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion. Chaplain Mike Collins will officiate.

Graveside committal services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flint Memorial Park Cemetery in Mt. Morris, Mich.

Memorials are to the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257, Fremont.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Hoeppner

FORT WAYNE — Ruth L. "Mitzi" Hoeppner, 87, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 11, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road in Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Promise Ministries and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Fort Wayne, a division of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.northernindianafuneralcare.com or at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Gingerich

MIDDLEBURY — Ronald A. Gingerich, 63, of Mendon, Mich., died Saturday, June 12, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Mark Stroup

ALBION — Mark D. Stroup, age 46, of Albion, died on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating. Cremation will take place after the services.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home

Memorials are to the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Michelle Jenkot-Meier

ORLAND — Michelle M. Jenkot-Meier, 44, of Orland died June 4, 2010, at Orland.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 21, at the Orland American Legion, 211 N. S.R. 327.

A dinner will follow.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

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Simon Reistroffer

HOUSTON, Texas — Our precious Simon David Reistroffer was a gift from God born May 19, 2000, into a family that cherished his every breath and on June 8, 2010, our sweet Simon was granted his angel wings at the end of a 5-year struggle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Simon had Down Syndrome and although his challenges were many his spirit was strong. After his leukemia diagnosis at the young age of 5, his challenges grew but his spirit shined brighter than ever.

Reistroffer

For most, a lifetime is measured in accomplishments and possessions. Simon's life was measured in smiles and the gifts of love and understanding that only special-needs children are able to give. His rich life was filled with happy times especially if water was nearby. Whether it was squirting the hose and watching it splash on the driveway, letting the rain pour over his body, swimming, riding the surf in the ocean or watching the windshield wipers move the rain, water gave him a peace that made him happy. Music also filled his spirit. He enjoyed everything from The Who, Cheryl Crow, Robert Earl Keen to the Shrek soundtracks and would spend hours listening, singing or dancing to all music.

Probably he was happiest when he was listening to a story from his dad … at night before bed, just to entertain during the day or to be distracted from the pain of cancer, he would be calmed by his daddy's voice and creative storytelling, weaving together the events of the day into a fascinating plot.

He adored spending time with his brother, Jake, and sister, Ava, playing cards, hide and seek or jumping on the trampoline. His extended family and friends delighted in his stacking the blocks and bottles and skillfully "missing" with his beloved stuffed Mike Wazowski doll. These wonderful memories will be held in our hearts forever.

School was a beautiful sanctuary for Simon and he was most proud of his newfound ability to read, learning new words every week. Although it is sad that Simon's illness defined him in many ways, he was still just a boy wanting new adventures every day.

His angelic ability to persevere through many mental, physical and medical obstacles, waking up every morning with a smile on his face and a determination in his step, motivated all who knew him. He fought his battles with the innocence of a child and the strength of a lion and always with a gentle spirit.

Though his road was difficult it was paved with love and care from so many people who helped him along the way. Countless teachers, therapists, friends, family, nurses and doctors touched his life and in return he touched theirs. We want to thank all of those who helped our precious Simon on this road. Now he is free of all his earthly challenges and his mom knows he is playing hide and seek with the angels.

Simon is survived by his parents Will and Marci Reistroffer; brother Jake; sister Ava; maternal grandparents Dave and Carol Waymire, paternal grandmother, Margaret Reistroffer, maternal great-grandmother, Bertha Waymire, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friend, Donna Avolio.

The family would like to thank Texas Children's Cancer Center countless doctors and nurses, Jalane Theis, Dr. ZoAnn Dreyer, Dr. Judith Margolin

A celebration of Simon's life was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Drive, Houston, TX 77024, with Rev. Thu Lee officiating. Reception immediately followed in the Community Center. Rite of Committal was at Glenwood Cemetery.

The family has requested for those who wish to honor Simon, please remember the Arbor School. A school that provides hope for so many families like Simon's. Memorial contributions should be sent to The Arbor School, 1635 Blalock Road, Houston, Texas 77080 (713) 827-8830.

We invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family at www.earthmanhunterscreek.com

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Rose Deventer

BUTLER — Rose Marie (Marna) Deventer, 77 of Butler died Monday June 14, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Deventer

She was born in Auburn on February 2, 1933, to Lemon and Mary (Sponhower) McNutt.

Rose was a homemaker.

She married Cleland Lee Deventer on December 17, 1949, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died August 26, 1997.

She is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle Hockaday and her friend Don Moehlenkamp of Fort Wayne, Melanie and Keith Cook of Butler, Sandy and Gene Emenhiser of St. Joe, and Kelly and Rogor Poll of Dorr, Mich.; a son, Ronald Deventer of Marion, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Melissa (Jeff) Bunting, M. Kevin (Mindy) Hockaday, Chad Cook, Janae (Josh) Webb, Robert (Lissa) Emenhiser, Ryan Emenhiser, Marie Poll, Adam (Courtney) Poll; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill McNutt of Garrett and Carl McNutt of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Vada Starr of Plymouth, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Matthew Hockaday; and a brother, George McNutt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo with Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Ind.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service Friday. Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Christ's Church, Butler, Ind.

Heather Sabelhaus

LAGRANGE — Heather M. Sabelhaus, 37, of LaGrange died Monday, June 14, 2010, at 9:20 p.m. in the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care in Elkhart.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs and Pastor Tom Tuttle. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the church where there will be a service at 6 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family in care of Young Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 341, Wolcottville, IN 46795.

Condolences may be sent to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Robert Locke

FRANKLIN — Robert Locke, 91, of Franklin died Monday, June 14, 2010, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

Mr. Locke was a resident of the Franklin United Methodist Community.

He had been a lithographer and operated a Litho press. He taught the techniques of printing at Central 9 Vocational School and at Franklin High School.

He was born Aug. 28, 1918, in Indianapolis to Dewey and Cloe Locke. He married Elizabeth Rugh on June 5, 1940. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Teri and Steve Duke; three sons, Thomas Alan and Margaret Locke, Robert Locke, and Steven Michael Locke and Linda Kilis; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at the Franklin United Methodist Community's Wright Chapel.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Flinn & Maguire Funeral Home in Franklin is in charge of arrangements.

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Veronica Schlosser

AVILLA — Veronica C. Schlosser, 96, formerly of Waterloo died Monday June 14, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Schlosser was a homemaker.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Legion of Mary of the church and the DeKalb Quilt Guild.

She was born May 15, 1914, in Smithfield Township in DeKalb County to John and Mary (Dapp) May. She married Edward Schlosser on Jan. 2, 1937, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He died March 15, 1989.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, William and Sandra Schlosser of Auburn, two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte Miller of Pleasant Lake and Mary Jo and Russell Burden of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Edward May of Auburn and Otto May of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son and daughter in law, DeWayne and Norma Schlosser; a grandson, Kyle Schlosser, two brothers, Albert Schlosser and Norbert May; and two sisters, Agnes Hollis and Esther Koehlinger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service Friday at the church. A rosary will be recited 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Masses to the church or to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Mark Stroup

Mr. Stroup

ALBION — Mark D. Stroup, age 46, of Albion, died on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at 12 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on September 27, 1963, in Fort Wayne, and was the son of Walther E. and Judith (Hawk) Stroup. He spent his lifetime in the Noble County area.

Mr. Stroup was a supervisor at D-C Telecom.

He was a member of the Wolf Lake Gun Club and American Legion Post 381 Sons of the American Legion.

He was a workaholic, but also enjoyed many hobbies such as golfing, hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

He was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are his parents, Walther and Judith Stroup of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Barry Metzger of Albion; paternal grandmother, Eileen Stroup of Fort Wayne; a nephew and his wife, Josh and Christine Weible of Avilla; a niece and her boyfriend, Megan Metzger and Dustin Ewell of Albion; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Gavin and Corbin Weible, and Dawson and Jennifer Ewell.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Donald Stroup, and his maternal grandparents, Retha Balyeat and William Hawk.

Funeral services for Mr. Stroup will be conducted on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Phyllis Smoot will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Cremation will take place after the services.

In loving memory of Mark Stroup, please make memorials to the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to make online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 16, 2010, Wednesday

Anthony Michael Carter, 22

SPC Anthony Michael Carter, age 22, of Fort Knox, KY, formerly an area resident died unexpectedly after a swimming accident on May 29, 2010, at Taylorsville Lake, in Kentucky. After an extensive search by state and local authorities and many volunteers, he was found on June 8, 2010. He was born on July 19, 1987 in Kendallville, Indiana at McCray Memorial Hospital to Shawn E. Carter and Tina K. Carter-Bailey. Anthony attended West Noble schools until his seventh grade year.

He then attended and graduated from Fairfield High School in Goshen, Indiana, in 2006.

Anthony enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard on December 1, 2005. He attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and graduated from Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Carpentry and Masonry Specialist, from the Naval Construction Training Center in Gulfport, Mississippi, on November 17, 2006.

Shortly after completing AIT, Anthony completed the Battle Focus Training Course at Fort Leonard Wood. He served with the 1413th Engineer Detachment located at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He also served with Detachment 8 of the 138th Regiment in South Bend, Indiana.

Anthony was mobilized to Afghanistan with the 1613th Engineer Company from LaPorte, Indiana, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on March 4, 2009. He served with the 1613th until the end of November 2009, after which he was stationed at Fort Knox, KY. His awards include National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Anthony's career was characterized by faithful dedication to duty. Always a true professional, Anthony will be missed and mourned by all whose lives he touched. All who know him knew he was excited about becoming a soldier, and loved being one. He attended Ligonier Church of Christ and more than anything, was devoted to his family & friends whom he loved dearly.

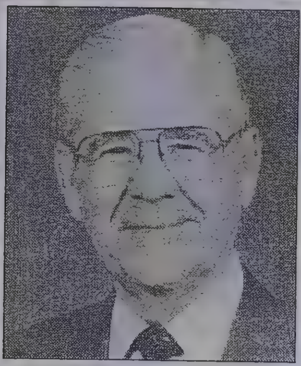
Survivors include his parents: Tina K. (Robert) Bailey of Wawaka, IN & Shawn E. Carter & his fiancée Michelle Holt of New Paris, IN. A sister, Niqole Rene Carter, of Rome City, IN; paternal grandmother, Sandy L. Hartman; maternal grandparents, Barry L. and Florence E. (Betty) Thompson; great-grandmothers, Barbara Lehman and Jenny Keene. Also by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, whom he considered friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, George A. Carter and grandfather, Walter E. Hartman.

A funeral service was held in his honor on Monday, June 14, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Anthony's uncle, Randy Penwell officiating. He was laid to rest in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN with full military honors.

Memorial contributions are to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 26 Broadway, 14th floor, New York, NY 10004.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 16, 2010, Wednesday



Charles E. Childs, 88

Charles E. Childs, 88, father of Churubusco funeral director C. Gregory Childs and widely acquainted Gaston businessman and community leader, passed away at 4:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been a resident there since December 2008.

Mr. Childs was born in Matthews on July 1, 1921, the youngest of 11 children born to Oliver Morton and Junietta Ruth (Morris) Childs. He spent his formative years in that community, and graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1939. Upon his graduation he worked for a period in a grocery store and meat market in Muncie, and on his twenty-first birthday, was inducted into the U.S. Army during World War II.

He served as an enlisted man, private 1st class, corporal, sergeant, and staff sergeant. Initially discharged in Germany at the conclusion of the war, he was inducted back into the U.S. Army and received a battlefield commission upon the recommendation and under the command of General George S. Patton, Jr., and by an act of congress. Serving in the European Theater and in the Battle of Germany, he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

On September 9, 1945 he was married in Gaston to Barbara Ann Rench. The couple lived in Columbia, South Carolina for a period, and following his military discharge in 1946, moved to Gaston where they spent all of their adult lives. As a young man he joined his father-in-law A. M. Rench, in the family's lumber and hardware business in Gaston. Along with his wife, the couple owned and operated the former Gaston-Rench Lumber Company in Gaston for over 40 years until his retirement in 1990.

In addition to his family and business concerns, his life was marked by active participation in church and community affairs. He was a member of the Gaston United Methodist Church, where he had held a variety of administrative positions, taught Church School, and sang in its Chancel Choir. He was a member of Matthews Lodge 650 F & AM, Purity Order of the Eastern Star 126 in Hartford City, and had been an active volunteer in a variety of civic activities throughout his adult life.

In 1980 he and his wife were honored as the Gaston Citizens of the Year. At that celebration he said, "The Lord has run my life far better than I could have. I say it, I believe it, and I try to live by it. I am far the richer, and I know the happier, for it."

In his leisure time he found joy in lawn work, dining out, church activities, spending occasional weekends at Epworth Forest, and supporting Gaston and Wes-Del athletic teams. Most of all he will be remembered as a patient man who never raised his voice, and was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a friend to many.

Mrs. Childs preceded him in death on November 14, 2008.

The surviving relatives include his son and daughter-in-law C. Gregory and Dr. Jeanine Childs of Churubusco; a brother Robert C. (Ruby)Childs of Warren; a sister Illon Freese of Hartford City; and three grandsons Drew (Becca) Childs of Indianapolis,

Perry Childs of Churubusco, and Joel (Brittany) Childs of Huntington.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by four brothers Earl O. W. Childs, Herman L. Childs, L.D. Childs, and O. Morris Childs; and by four sisters; infants Neva and Nina Childs, Delight Gadbury, and Elizabeth Losh.

Funeral services were held at the Gaston United Methodist Church, 107 N. Main Street, Gaston, with Rev. John Long, officiating.

Interment was in the Thompson Cemetery, west of Gaston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials bedirected to the Gaston United Methodist Church, 107 N. Main Street, Gaston, IN 47342; or Taylor University Department of Music, 236 W. Reade Avenue, Upland, IN 46989.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Childs' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 16, 2010, Wednesday

Martha Ann Ringler, 84

Martha Ann Ringler, age 84, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ringler was born in Avilla on February 16, 1926 to the late Fred and Hazel (Graber) Crothers.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1945.

Martha was employed in the past as a waitress. Many years ago, she waitressed at Miller Truck Stop in Kendallville and when she moved to Nashville, Tennessee, she waitressed at a restaurant at the Nashville Airport. Later, Martha retired at Fort Meyers Beach, Florida before moving back to Kendallville in 2000.

Survivors include:

Son, Bill and Linda Martin of Kendallville.

Daughter, Melody and Kelly Campbell of Nashville, Tennessee.

Grandchildren, Stacey Martin of Kendallville and Jeremy Martin of Westler Lake near Wolcottville.

Great-granddaughter, Alivia Wappes.

Sister, Cleo Mark of Avilla.

Sister-in-law, Pauline Crothers of Avilla.

Brother-in-law, Irv Croy of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Patricia Croy and Mary Jane Brand, and her brother, Clifford Crothers.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post #2749 of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert L. Borst, 94

Robert L. Borst, 94, died Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Borst was born February 3 ,1916 in Hudson, Indiana the only son of the late Herbert L. and Lois VanPelt Borst.

On May 9,1937 he married Helen Hinkley and they were married for 69 years.

Mrs. Borst passed away on February 27, 2007.

They enjoyed their retirement years living in Kendallville during the summer and Lady Lake, Florida during the winter. They both enjoyed traveling.

Mr. Borst was employed by Kraft Foods for over 40 years and retired in March 1979.

Robert was a past member of the Elks. He enjoyed golfing as his hobby, and in his younger days as a licensed pilot, he loved to fly airplanes.

Mr. Borst is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane L . and Thomas C. Jones of Cutbank, Montana and Carol L. and Roger E . Forker of Kendallville.

One son and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Judith Borst of Casper, Wyoming.

Seven grandchildren; Kathleen Smith, Douglas Jones, Gena Jones, Tara Odom, Gregory Borst, Brian Borst and Jeffrey Forker, and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 16, 2010, Wednesday

Jeanette Slone, 83

Jeanette Slone, age 83, of rural Kendallville, died on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at North Ridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Slone was born in Wayland, Kentucky on January 24, 1927 to the late Estill and Lona (Salyers) Smith.

She married Winston Slone on February 9, 1945 in Kentucky and moved to Noble County in 1955.

Mr. Slone preceded her in death September 12, 1995.

Jeanette was retired from Flint & Walling in Kendallville after 18 years of service.

She loved gardening and canning and quilting in her younger days.

Jeanette had many friends and loved the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include:

Son, Bill and Roselma Slone of South Milford.

Son, Ed and Penny Slone of Albion.

Grandchildren: Billy Slone, Jr. of Auburn, Angela Slone of Kendallville, Eddie and Rachel Slone of Kendallville, Brett Slone of Kendallville, Troy Slone of Kendallville, Joel and Kathy Smart of LaGrange, Amanda Smith of Kendallville, Robert Iden and Jenifer Iden both of Albion and Dominiq Slone of Albion.

Great-grandchildren: Antonio Figueroa, Cain Slone, Morgan and Dylan Gamble, Annie Anglin, Eddie Slone III, Trisha Marizon, Isaih and Sara Smart, and Hailey Slone.

One great-great-grandchild.

Five brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

Officiating the funeral service were the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist ministers.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers were grandsons, Eddie Slone, Jr., Brett Slone, Troy Slone, Billy Slone, Jr., Joel Smart, and Robert Iden.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or on Facebook.com.

Evelyn Harlan, 88

AVILLA — Evelyn M. Harlan, 88, of Avilla passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She was born Oct 21, 1921, in Noble County to Walter and Flossie Albertson.

She worked as a registered nurse in Kendallville for Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Patel.

She was also a member of the hospital board at McCray Memorial Hospital. She served as Director of Nurses at the former Garrett Hospital.

She is survived by two sons, Max Harlan and Thomas (Vonda) Harlan both of Avilla; four grandchildren, Christian (Michelle) Harlan, Chad (Jaque) Harlan of Avilla, Chayne Harlan of Avilla and Cory Harlan of Fort Knox, Ky.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 12, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Ken Robinson and David Baird officiated.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. Preferred memorials are to Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 16, 2010, Wednesday

Robert Shannon, 81

WAWAKA — Robert "R.L." Shannon, 81, of Wawaka died Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Shannon was a journeyman bricklayer. He had worked for the railroad, and worked for Excel Distribution in Albion. After retirement he mowed for the state at Chain O' Lakes State Park and at Tri County DNR site. He also worked at Walmart in Kendallville.

He had served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Shannon was a life member of the VFW in Syracuse, the American Legion in Millersburg, and the Eagles in Ligonier.

He was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Elkhart County to Arthur and Emma Faye (Speckeen) Shannon. On March 2, 1991, in Albion. He married Kay Ann Bloom on March 2, 1991, in Albion. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two daughters, Connie Spillman of Radcliffe, Ky., and Teresa Huffer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Scott (Jean) Shannon of Millersburg; two stepdaughters, Jennie (Duane) Luft of Florida and Carrie(Mitch) Thompson of Wawaka; one stepson, Jeff (Becky) Weber of Vincennes; eight grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and two sisters, Betty Shannon of Syracuse and Marilyn Good of Oklawawa, Fla.

He was preceded in death by one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were June 12, 2010 at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville. Pastor Terry Hinds officiated. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Ruth L. "Mitzi" Hoeppner, 87

Ruth L. "Mitzi" Hoeppner, age 87, of Fort Wayne, died on Friday, June 11, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation was Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services were Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at Promise Ministries Fort Wayne.

Burial was at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne following the funeral service.

Preferred memorials may be made to Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46835.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Fort Wayne, honored Veterans Funeral Care provider, a division of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville 1-877-382-2756.

Send condolences to the family at www.northernindianafuneralcare.com or at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bentley (Gregg) Radcliffe, 50

COCO BEACH, Fla. — Bentley Gregg Radcliffe, 50, of Coco Beach and formerly of Albion died Sunday, June 6, 2010, in Florida.

Mr. Radcliffe had been employed as a vehicle body man and painter.

He was a graduate of Central Noble High School.

He was born Feb. 7, 1960, in Kendallville to Kent and Gloria Radcliffe. They survive in Rockledge, Fla.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tiffany and Kenny Pankop of Kendallville, Tera and Kenny Morrill of Albion and Hanna Radcliffe and her mother, Lori, of Florida; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Jeff Schlotterback of Columbia City; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kevin Radcliffe of Florida and Kyle and Susan Radcliffe of Ohio; four grandchildren; a grandmother, Mary Lois Radcliffe of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place.

A paddle-out ceremony will be held at a later date at Coco Beach.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 16, 2010, Wednesday

Mark D. Stroup, 46

Albion - Mark D. Stroup, age 46, of Albion, died on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 12:00 pm at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on September 27, 1963 in Fort Wayne, and was the son of Walther E. and Judith (Hawk) Stroup. He spent his lifetime in the Noble County area.

Mr. Stroup was a supervisor at D-C Telecom. He was a member of the Wolf Lake Gun Club and American Legion Post 381 Sons of the American Legion.

He was a workaholic, but also enjoyed many hobbies such as golfing, hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Survivng are his parents, Walther and Judith Stroup of Albion. A sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Barry Metzger of Albion. Paternal grandmother, Eileen Stroup of Fort Wayne. A nephew and his wife, Josh and Christine Weible of Avilla; a niece and her boyfriend, Megan Metzger and Dustin Ewell of Albion. Great nieces and nephews, Gavin and Corbin Weible, and Dawson and Jennifer Ewell.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Donald Stroup and his maternal grandparents, Retha Balyeat and William Hawk.

Funeral services for Mr. Stroup will be conducted on Thursday at 1:00 pm at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Phyllis Smoot will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Cremation will take place after the services.

In loving memory of Mark Stroup, please make memorials to the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 17, 2010, Thursday

Robert Leis

FORT WAYNE — Robert D. Leis, 86, died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leis was an engineer with International Harvester for 36 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a 1942 graduate of Huntertown High School and obtained an associate degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1961.

Mr. Leis was a native of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Till Road Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary Leis of Fort Wayne; three sons, Gary (Annette) Leis of LaOtto, Roger (Rita) Leis of Butler, and Terry (Linda) Leis of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cheryl (Rod) Cone of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Robert (Rhonda) McMonigal of Michigan City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter T. and Lillie Leis; and a brother, Albert Leis.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Richard D. Foust officiating. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Heartland Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Charles Leffers

CHURUBUSCO — Charles D. Leffers, 63, of Churubusco died Tuesday, June 15, 2010, as the result of injuries from an automobile accident that occurred that day.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Arcola.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Letea Busche

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Letea F. Busche will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. at the church.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Amy Keller

ANGOLA — Amy M. Keller, 86, of Angola died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Wilma Simon

AUBURN — Wilma Simon, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2010, Friday

Wilma Simon

AUBURN — Wilma P. Simon of Auburn died June 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Simon

She was born in Charleston, West Virginia, to the late James and Irene (Pedigo) Rankin.

Mrs. Simon was a homemaker and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was a graduate of the Detroit Conservatory of Music and she traveled and sang with a number of Big Band groups in large venues including the Green Briar Resort in West Virginia.

She married Robert Simon in Detroit, Mich., and they celebrated 62 years of marriage in April.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Stan Elser of Indianapolis, and their children, Simon Elser, Sarah Elser and Macey Elser; and a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Sharon Simon of Salinas, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bobbie Waters.

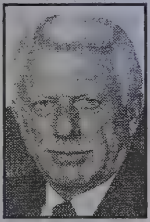
Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Ronald Follett

FORT WAYNE — Ronald D. Follett, 73, died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Follett

Born in Fremont, he was the owner of Angola Alwash.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served on the color guard for President Dwight Eisenhower.

Surviving are his wife, Jan Follett of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Gwen of Orland; a granddaughter; three stepchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; three brothers, Roger, Ted and Robert; and four sisters, Debbie, Rene, Rochelle, and Rhonda.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sondra.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2010, Friday

Charlene Griffin

WATERLOO — Charlene L. Griffin, 79, of Waterloo died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Charlene was born in Fort Wayne on December 15, 1930, to the late Charles and Loretta (Noll) VonBehren.

She worked for Perfection Bakery in Fort Wayne and then for 10 years at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. For several years she was the playground attendant at the Waterloo Elementary School and she also worked at the snack bar in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a longtime member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

The things she loved to do and was very good at it were talking on the phone and going to garage sales.

She married Harold "Cork" Griffin on January 24, 1953, at Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne and he survives in Waterloo. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Kuhlman of Waterloo; three grandchildren, April (Adam) Rosswurm of Auburn, Matt (Cassie) Peckhart of Butler and Jennie Rosswurm of Auburn; five great-grandchildren, Carissa, Emma, Mackenzie, Dylan and Dawson; and two sisters, Ruth VonBehren of Fort Wayne and Lorraine Papp of Payne, Ohio.

She was preceded in death her parents and a daughter, Karen Waldren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo.

Georgia Moody

GARRETT — Georgia G. Moody of Lafayette and formerly of Garrett died Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at Clarian Hospital in Lafayette.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn. Calling is noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's paper.

Duaine Karnes

AUBURN — Duaine H. Karnes of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 19, 2010, Saturday

Margo Burroughs

LAGRANGE — Margo J. Burroughs, 77, of LaGrange died Friday, June 18, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, Mrs. Burroughs graduated with the class of 1951 from LaGrange High School.

She was a homemaker and worked for 24 years at Duo-Therm/Dometic in LaGrange.

Mrs. Burroughs was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of Eastern Star, both in LaGrange.

She was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Sturgis, Mich., to Leon R. and Merna (Ridley) Paulus. On April 5, 1953, in LaGrange, she married Robert G. Burroughs Jr. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy Schweitzer of Whitehouse, Tenn., and Bobbi and Dick Craig of LaGrange; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Kate Burroughs of Indianapolis, Dave and Jenny Burroughs of Shipshewana, Mike and Cathy Burroughs of Howe; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol "Cap" and Roger Olds of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary "Joni" Mendez.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Sandy Hutchens officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

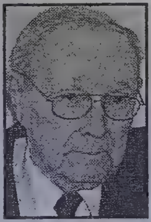
Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with an Order of Eastern Star Service at 7:30 pm.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Duaine Karnes

AUBURN — Duaine H. Karnes, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Karnes

Mr. Karnes was a quality control manager for the Dana Corp. for more than 30 years, retiring in 1979.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ. He was a past member of the Edgerton Masonic Lodge.

He was born Jan. 27, 1918, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Arthur E. and Frieda E. (Ebinger) Karnes. He married Sarah "Roceal" Gurtner on Feb. 11, 1940, in Angola. She died Nov. 2, 1956. He then married DeVella M. (Sleek) Dewitt on July 11, 1958, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy E. and Don Frank of Stryker, Ohio, Karen R. and Phil Landel of Auburn, Cheryl S. and David Peck of Farmington, Ark., Christine A. and Jerry Wilhelm of Waterloo, and Freida L. and Randy Michael of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Duaine H. Karnes II and Karen Karnes of Hamilton, and Douglas E. and Rita Karnes of Knoxville, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Arthur E. "Junior" and Alice Karnes of Edgerton, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; and a son-in-law, John N. Grimm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn, with Douglas E. Karnes officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne Street, Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Church of Christ or the Alzheimer's Association.

Wilma Colbart

FORT WAYNE — Wilma G. Colbart, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Friday, June 18, 2010 at her home. Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

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Colin Conkle

AUBURN — Colin L. Conkle, 48, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Conkle

Mr. Conkle had many jobs including working in the restaurant, factory, and railroad industries. He also worked in the land development business in St. Cloud, Fla., in 2003.

He was a 1979 DeKalb High School graduate.

He has also been a dialysis patient for the past six years.

He was born Sept. 29, 1961, in Garrett to Herschel and Donzella (Smith) Conkle.

Surviving are his wife of 24 years, Jean Conkle of Auburn; a son, Jeremy Conkle of Auburn; a granddaughter, Angel Fayth Conkle of Auburn; his father, Herschel Conkle of Auburn; a sister, Connie Croy of Auburn; and a brother, Rick Hunter of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his mother; one brother; and an infant sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the National Kidney Foundation or American Cancer Society.

Irene Rynearson

AUBURN — Irene M. Rynearson, 96, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Rynearson was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 9, 1913, in DeKalb County to Newton and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace. She married Ronald A. Rynearson on March 4, 1933, in Waterloo. He died on July 3, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Melvin Rynearson of Decatur, Ind., and Steven and Burtie Rynearson of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Janet McNutt of Elkhart, and Ann and Jim Fry of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Tom Rynearson and Paul Rynearson; three sisters; three brothers; and a son-in-law, Donald McNutt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home.

El Rey Magnus

CROMWELL — El Rey E. Magnus, 83, of Cromwell died June 18, 2010, at 3:15 p.m. at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

James Bearman

CHURUBUSCO — James A. "Jim" Bearman, 68, of Churubusco died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Steve Rayburn officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Columbia City Lodge 639 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 12:30 p. m. Monday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or Shriner's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Russell Muscello Sr.

ADAMS LAKE — Russell L. Muscello Sr., 62, of Adams Lake died unexpectedly on Friday, June 18, 2010, at 4 p.m. in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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William Hopkins

FORT WAYNE — William O. "Hoppy" Hopkins Jr., 69, of Orland and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins retired as district chief from the Fort Wayne Fire Department in 1985 after 20 years of service. He then became lieutenant at the 911 Communications Center.

Mr. Hopkins also was an inspector with the Neighborhood Code Enforcement Department, retiring from there in 2001.

He was a member of Lake Missionary Church in Orland, the Firefighters 20 Year Club, past commander of American Legion Post 423 in Orland, Orland Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Wayne Firefighters Union.

Mr. Hopkins was an U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was the son of William O. Hopkins Sr. and Emma Vivan (Smith) Hopkins. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Sue E. Hopkins; a daughter, Deb (Dean) Sorg of Huntertown; a son, William E. (DJ) Hopkins of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren, Ashley Parrish of Indianapolis, Deanna Sorg of Huntertown and Dean Edward "Bud" Sorg of Huntertown; a sister, Mary Rediger of Barto, Fla.; six nieces and three nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Dori Lynn Hopkins-Parrish, and a sister, Barbara Roberts.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Camp Jenee, the Fire Fighter's Museum, or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Georgia Moody

LAFAYETTE — Georgia G. (Goetschius) Moody, 84, died at Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

Mrs. Moody

Born Aug. 1, 1925, in Auburn, Ind., to Frank D. and Mabel G. (Harvey) Goetschius, she lived in Garrett most of her life.

She worked 24 years at Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, and retired after 14 years from Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett, and attended Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lafayette.

She received her 50-year pin from Eastern Star, and was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, and American Legion Auxiliary.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and ceramics.

She is survived by three sons, John Patrick (Joanie) Moody of Fort Wayne, George Timothy (Cindy) Moody of Bloomfield, and Frank Daniel (Millie) Moody of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jeanna (Moody) Chase of Lafayette, Eric Moody of Bloomfield, and Phillip Moody of Orlando; and eight great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jonathan, Josslyn and Joseph Chase of Lafayette, and Katlyn, Kylee, Kelsey and Kinley Moody of Bloomfield.

Besides both parents, she was preceded in death by son, James Michael Moody of Bloomington, and sisters, Madonna Joan Lauth of Detroit, Mich., and Marion Jean Gibson of Lewisville, Texas.

The funeral service will be Monday, June 21, at 2 p.m., with calling two hours prior, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home; 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Mike Vauters of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lafayette will officiate.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to The Gideons International.

Gina Blackstone

BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Gina Marie (Harrold) Blackstone, 47, of Brentwood and formerly of Waterloo, died Tuesday, June 15, 2010, from complications due to a motorcycle accident in Brentwood.

There will be a service held in San Jose, Calif., on Monday.

There will also be a memorial service held in Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo at a later date.

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Amy Keller

ANGOLA — Amy M. Keller, 86, died Wednesday June 16, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Keller was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Fremont.

Mrs. Keller

She was born in Steuben County on January 21, 1924, to Glenn and Florence (Shephard) Kunsman. She married Theodore Victor Lynn Keller on April 24, 1942, and he died on October 27, 1992.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice L. Baker of Pleasant Lake and Mary (Trevor) Young of Greenville, Tenn.; one sister, Joy Meeks of Edon Ohio; four grandchildren, Lisa J. Pardue, Brian Baker, Mark Young and Sharon Shartzer; and four great-grandchildren, Krista Pardue, Grace Pardue, Laura J. Shartzer and Nathaniel T. Shartzer.

She was precdeded in death by a son-in-law, David Roger Baker on March 31, 2010, and four brothers, William Kunsman, John Kunsman, Charles Kunsman and Ned Kunsman.

Memorial services will be Saturday June 26, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2725 N. State Road 827, Angola, with Elder Richard Sturtz.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net

Russell Muscello

WOLCOTTVILLE — Russell L. Muscello, Sr., 62, of Adams Lake, Wolcottville died unexpectedly Friday, June 18, at 4 p.m. in his residence.

Mr. Muscello

Mr. Muscello was a lifetime area resident. He retired after 38 years at Superior Essex in Kendallville.

He was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, Rome City Sons of the Legion, and the Kendallville VFW.

He dearly loved his family and enjoyed playing golf.

He was born Aug. 13, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Vincent James and Mary Violet (Dean) Muscello. On March 10, 1979, in Kendallville he married Sandy Mortimore.

Surviving are his wife, Sandy Muscello of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Charles Jordan of Kendallville; a son, Russell L. Muscello Jr. of Kendallville; a granddaughter and her husband, Shay and Russell Owsley of Noble County; three great-grandchildren, Caden Owsley, Noah Owsley, Rebekah Owsley, and a great-granddaughter due in August, Isabell Owsley; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cheryl and Mike Tuttle of Indianapolis and Tara Barnes of Alabama; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul V. and Monie Muscello of Fort Wayne and Jimmy Stittes of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 22, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Wilbur Walkup, Jerry Febles, Rick Randol, Rick Ranney, Ron Ranney, Rick Ranney Jr., Roger Ranney, Bobby Spillner, Don Rhinesmith, Al Countryman and Mark Marti.

Active casketbearers will be Chris Palmer, Tracy Palmer, Tab Foust, Bobby Foust, Randy Robbins, Travis Mortimore, and Paul Muscello, II.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Boomerang Backpack program.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Earl Napier

CAMPTON — Earl D. Napier, 76, of Campton, Ky., died Wednesday, June 2, 2010, in the St. Joseph Hospice Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Mr. Napier retired as a truck driver. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He attended Hampton United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Breathitt Lodge 649 F.&A.M.

Surviving are his wife, Melinda (Smith) Napier of Campton and formerly of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sandy Napier of Jackson, Ky., and Bruce and Debbie Napier of Wolfe County, Ky.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Theresa and Bill McCune of Jackson, Ky., and Savanah Napier of Jackson, Ky.; three stepdaughters and their spouses, Shelly and Alan Hiatt of Arkansas, Lainie and David Brillhart of Ohio and Leslie and Thad McKinley of Auburn; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Anne and Matt Kilburn of Van Cleve, Ky., Betty Turner of Orland and Virginia Goble of Kendallville; three grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Elva (Strong) Napier, a son, Earl Eugene Napier, a daughter, Santana Napier, eight brothers, the Rev. Willie Napier, Green, Henry, Brown, Hiram, Charlie, Jimmy, and Caleb; and three sisters, Abrella, Dora Thompson, and Arminta.

Funeral services were held June 5 with burial in Evans Cemetery in Campton.

John Hart

AUBURN — John O. Hart Jr., 86, died Friday, June 18, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Fort Wayne, to John O. and Ida B. (Lee) Hart.

Mr. Hart retired after 40 years of service with the United States Air Force and the Indiana Air National Guard.

Surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth Chrisman of Butler and Beverly Knappenberger of Yulee, Fla.; a son, Thomas Hart of Yulee; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marlys, and a brother, Harry.

There are no calling or services planned at this time. Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Faith Mast

MIDDLEBURY — Faith Ann Mast was stillborn at 8:50 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Miller Cemetery, Goshen. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

El Rey Magnus

CROMWELL — El Rey E. Magnus, 83, of Cromwell, died Friday at 3:15 p.m. in Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. A private family interment will take place at a later date in Humbolt County, Calif. Military honors will be conducted following the memorial service at the funeral home.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243, 100 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Bryan Tiede

CHURUBUSCO — Bryan C. Tiede, 49, of Churubusco, died Friday, June 18, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p. m. and Monday from 4- 8 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses or tothe St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Condolences may be left at sheetsandchilds.net.

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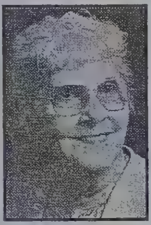
Wilma Colbart

FORT WAYNE — Wilma G. Colbart, 91, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Friday June 18, 2010, at her home in Fort Wayne.


Mrs. Colbart

She was born in Fort Wayne on Feb. 14, 1919, to Levi W. and Emma A. (French) Brown.

She worked for G.E in Fort Wayne, Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo and she assisted her husband with the operation and management of Hidden Valley Golf Course in Angola before retiring in 1977.

After retiring they moved to Arcadia, Fla., where she was a former member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. They came back to Indiana in 1996. She was a member of Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She married George B. Farrell on Aug. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne and he died Sept. 29, 1941. She then married Donald P. Colbart on Dec. 1, 1943, in Auburn and he died June 9, 2000.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters-in-law, Byron and Janice Farrell of Godfrey, Ill., Tim and Linda Colbart of Auburn and Linda Colbart of Huntington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and James Hamilton of Auburn and Suzan and Allen Armstrong of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorotha Fisher of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, a son, Paul "Doug" Colbart, a grandson, Mark Colbart, a great-grandson, Adam Thompson, a brother, Wayne Brown and two sisters, Mable Abbott and Zeda Elwood.

A memory of life service will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn. The Rev. David Matthews will officiate. The family will be receiving friends two hours prior to the service Wednesday, from noon to 2 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Margo Burroughs

LAGRANGE — Margo J. Burroughs, 77, of LaGrange died Friday, June 18, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Burroughs

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, Mrs. Burroughs graduated with the class of 1951 from LaGrange High School.

She was a homemaker and worked for 24 years at Duo-Therm/Dometic in LaGrange.

Mrs. Burroughs was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of Eastern Star, both in LaGrange.

She was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Sturgis, Mich., to Leon R. and Merna (Ridley) Paulus. On April 5, 1953, in LaGrange, she married Robert G. Burroughs Jr. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy Schweitzer of Whitehouse, Tenn., and Bobbi and Dick Craig of LaGrange; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Kate Burroughs of Indianapolis, Dave and Jenny Burroughs of Shipshewana, Mike and Cathy Burroughs of Howe; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol "Cap" and Roger Olds of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary "Joni" Mendez.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Sandy Hutchens officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with an Order of Eastern Star Service at 7:30 pm.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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William Nisley

LAGRANGE — William J. Nisley, 77, of LaGrange, died Friday, June 18, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, Mr. Nisley farmed for 22 years in LaGrange County. He had also worked at Starcraft in Goshen,for seven years and at Ace Hardware in Shipshewana, for 17 years. He was a member of the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Mr. Nisley

Mr. Nisley was born July 30, 1932 in Goshento Jake and Katie (Chupp) Nisley. On Nov. 2, 1954 in Elkhart County, he married Dorothy Chupp. Mrs. Nisley survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gerald and Doris Nisley of Shipshewana, Kenneth Nisley of Middlebury, and Lyle and Mary Nisley of Scott; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin Nisley of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Clara Yoder, and two brothers, Ora and Leo Nisley.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W 100 N; Shipshewana, with The Rev. Brent Danielson and The Rev. Michael Poole officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at furipmayfuneralhome.com.

In Loving Memory of

David C. Myers

We miss you.

Love,
The Kids & Grandkids

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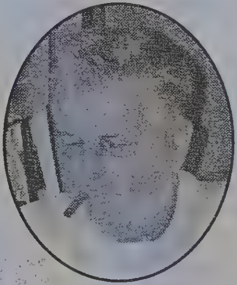
In Loving Memory of
George A. Pepple

Our hearts will
forever be with you.

With Love,
Your Wife, Children
& Grandkids

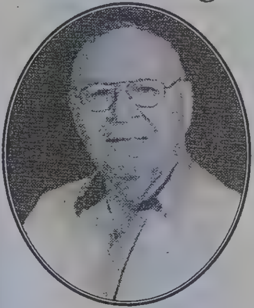
In Loving Memory of
Leonard Shoudel



We will always remember how
special you made our lives.

Love, Your Family

In Loving Memory of
Richard Pranger



We are thinking of you
today and every day and
remembering all the things
you did for us.

The 10 R's

In Loving Memory of
Robert Wayne
Rosenbury

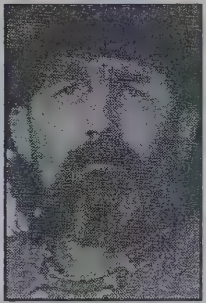
All the things you taught us will
always be remembered. You are
truly missed, but not forgotten.

Love,
Your Family & Friends

In Loving
Memory of
Richard
"Abe" Frost

We love and miss you.
Love, Your Family

In Loving
Memory of
Terry Frost



We love and miss you.
Love,
Mike and Family

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Reba Skinner

Mrs. Skinner

KENDALLVILLE — Reba L. Skinner, 97, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 19, 2010, at 8:03 p.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Skinner was a partner with her husband in their store in Kendallville, known as Skinners Sewing Center, from 1952 to 1971.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She was a Past Matron and 50-year member of the Eastern Star, Noble Chapter 122.

She was born March 2, 1913, in Jay County to William E. and Estella (Campbell) Beech. She married Kenneth Reid Skinner on July 7, 1929, in Muncie. He preceded her in death on November 14, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Dorothy Skinner of Kendallville; a grandson and his wife, Donald and Melody Skinner of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Bethany Ann Skinner of Indianapolis; two great-granddaughters, Tiffany Skinner of Fort Wayne and Taylor Skinner of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Steven Brittenham of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday, June 23, 2010, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County or to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Charles Miller

COLUMBIA CITY — Charles A. Miller, 86, of rural Columbia City died Saturday, June 19, 2010, at the North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Services will be at 10 a. m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment with military graveside rites will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ideal Fish & Game Club in Churubusco. To leave an online condolence, go to sheetsandchilds.net

Violet Wilkinson

KIMMELL — Violet Marie (Hall) Wilkinson, 67, of Kimmell died Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place, and a private family memorial service is planned for a later date.

D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Steve Friend

FORT WAYNE — Steve "Corunna" Friend, 62, met his Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at The Cleveland Clinic after a courageous battle with leukemia.

He grew up in Corunna, Indiana, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1966 where he was affectionately know as "Arnie."

He participated in cross country, track and was a basketball team manager.

After his service in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Steve obtained his bachelor's degree from IPFW in Geology and worked as a geologist for the State Highway Department.

Steve began a career in sales at Morrill Motors as a Regional Sales Manager.

He was also a member of Concordia Lutheran Church where he served as an usher.

He was a loving husband, father and friend.

He enjoyed playing golf and cards and spent many weekends at the family farm.

Surviving are his wife, Kris (Smock) Friend; daughters, Sarah and Katie; aunts, Ethel Hills and Barb Hoffmeyer; and a special thank you to his cousin, Al Hohman.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Doris Friend, and a sister, Suanna.

His funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with calling an hour prior to the service. The Rev. Karl Fricke will officiate.

Calling will also be at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

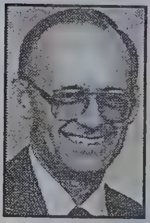
Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Paul Zeigler

ALBION — Paul B. Zeigler, 68, a resident of rural Albion died Saturday, June 19, 2010, at 3:41 p.m., at his home in Noble Township following an extended illness.



Mr. Zeigler

Mr. Zeigler was a farmer and had worked at Newhouser Hatchery and Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne, and Autojectors, Inc. in Avilla. For the past 12 years he had been employed at 80/20, Inc. in Columbia City, and had worked part-time at Builder's Square and Panel Mart in Fort Wayne.

He was a 1960 graduate of Arcola High School.

Mr. Zeigler was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, and had served as the assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 509 in Wolf Lake.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 17, 1942, to Joseph "Ben" and Edith B. (Porter) Zeigler. He married Nancy Daffom on Sept. 24, 1966, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are his four children, Scott (Annette) Zeigler of Merriam, Heather (Rob) Rawles of Albion, Todd (Kim) Zeigler of Mooresville, N.C., and Chad Zeigler of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Zeigler.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastors Corinne K. Boruff and Larry Smith, officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Boy Scout Troop.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 21, 2010, Monday

Roy Guinn

AUBURN — Roy A. Guinn 87, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died Sunday June 20, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born July 18, 1922, in Auburn to the late Charlie and Eva (Mitchell) Guinn.

He was the building materials manager at Broadview Lumber Company in Auburn, retiring in 1984.

He was a WWII Army Veteran, a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Garrett VFW.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

He married Maysa Link on August 17, 1946, in Auburn and she survives. He is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven A Guinn of Hudson and Daniel E. and Sally Guinn of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Kim (Beau) Krebs of Angola, Heather (Cole) Krebs of Auburn, Sgt. Timothy Guinn, stationed at Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska; Samantha Guinn of Fort Wayne and Charlie Guinn of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren, Maysa Jo Krebs, Kollin Krebs, Trenten Krebs, Jett Krebs, Caitlin Krebs and Jay Krebs.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate.

Calling is two hours prior to the service from 1 to 3 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Military funeral honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the Fort Wayne Veterans Hospital.

Russell Muscello

Mr. Muscello

WOLCOTTVILLE — Russell L. Muscello Sr., 62, of Adams Lake, Wolcottville died unexpectedly Friday, June 18, 2010, at 4 p.m. in his residence.

Mr. Muscello was a lifetime area resident. He had retired after 38 years at Superior Essex in Kendallville.

He was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, Rome City Sons of the Legion, and the Kendallville VFW.

He dearly loved his family and enjoyed playing golf.

He was born August 13, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Vincent James and Mary Violet (Dean) Muscello. On March 10, 1979, in Kendallville he married Sandy Mortimore.

Surviving are his wife, Sandy Muscello of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Charles Jordan of Kendallville; a son, Russell L. Muscello, Jr. of Kendallville; a granddaughter and her husband, Shay and Russell Owsley of Noble County; three great grandchildren, Caden Owsley, Noah Owsley, Rebekah Owsley, and a great granddaughter due in August, Isabell Owsley; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cheryl and Mike Tuttle of Indianapolis and Tara Barnes of Alabama; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul V. and Monie Muscello of Fort Wayne and Jimmy Stittes of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S.State St., Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Wilbur Walkup, Jerry Febles, Rick Randol, Rick Ranney, Ron Ranney, Rick Ranney Jr., Roger Ranney, Bobby Spillner, Don Rhinesmith, Al Countryman and Mark Marti.

Active casketbearers will be Chris Palmer, Tracy Palmer, Tab Foust, Bobby Foust, Randy Robbins, Travis Mortimore, and Paul Muscello, II.

Calling is today, Monday, June 21, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Boomerang Backpack program.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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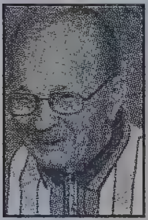
June 21, 2010, Monday

El Rey Magnus

CROMWELL — El Rey E. Magnus, 83, of Cromwell died Friday, June 18, 2010, at 3:15 p.m. in Avalon Village in Ligonier.

He had been an area resident for more than 50 years, coming from California.


Mr. Magnus

He retired from Pinkerton Security Service in the late 1990s and had also worked as a licensed real estate and insurance agent.

He was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243, Ligonier.

Mr. Magnus served his country honorably in the United States Army during World War II. He served as a paratrooper, pathfinder and a glider pilot. He obtained the rank of master sergeant and was instrumental in reconstructing the Japanese government in post-war Japan, reporting directly to General McArthur.

He was born March 20, 1927, in Humbolt County, Calif., to John Y. and June E. (Weeks) Magnus.

He married Janice C. Bainbridge on Oct. 26, 1957, and she survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jonathan E. and Martha Magnus of Sugar Land, Texas, James I. Magnus of Goshen, Donald R. and Cecilia Magnus of Nappanee and David A. and Sandra Magnus of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings and a grandson, Jed Magnus, who passed away in 2008.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Gary Lovens of New Heights Baptist Church in Fort Wayne officiating. A private family interment will take place at a later date in Humbolt County, Calif. Military honors will be conducted following the memorial service at the funeral home.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to West Noble American Legion Post 243, 100 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Gary Stuckman

SYRACUSE — Gary A. Stuckman, 54, of Syracuse, died Sunday, June 20 at Goshen General Hospital.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Brad Cox of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery in North Webster.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 23, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Book-a-thon Fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis of Elkhart County.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 22, 2010, Tuesday

Nancy Smith

GARRETT — Nancy I. Smith, 51, of Garrett died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Smith was a day care provider.

She was member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

She was born Jan. 19, 1959, in Kingwood, W.Va., to Harry and Betty (Steffen) Wickline. She married Fred L. Smith on Feb. 9, 1974 in Garrett. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son in-law, Tammy and Michael Reneau of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Samuel Smith of Garrett and Cliff and Angie Smith of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; five brothers, Jeff, David, Robert, Bobby and Walter Wickline; three sisters, Ilene Linder, Linda Mann and Georgia Hickman; and her mother-in-law, Betty Smith of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, 4395 C.R. 7, Garrett, with the Rev. Joe Laher officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Gary Stuckman

SYRACUSE — Gary A. Stuckman, 54, of Syracuse died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in North Webster.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp. 12572 S. C.R. 600W, Silver Lake, IN 46982.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday

William Johnson

DECATUR — William H. "Bill" Johnson, 78, died Monday afternoon, June 21, 2010, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mr. Johnson

He was born March 2, 1932, in Adams County, Ind., to Adam O. and Hazel (Cook) Johnson, who preceded him in death. Bill married Rose Marie Thatcher on Aug. 10, 1949, and she passed away on Aug. 6, 1974. He married Kay Ann Witte on May 9, 1981, and she survives.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur and had attended Lake George Chapel while working in the Lake George area.

He worked as a tool and die maker for Decatur Industries for 20 years and as a master boat mechanic for 10 years at Lake George Marina. He then worked part-time for his son as a mechanic at Johnson's Auto Sales and operated a boat repair service.

Surviving are his wife, Kay Ann Johnson of Decatur; three daughters, Pamela (Ron) Greenwood of Middlebury, Denise (Joe) Davis of Decatur and Kristi (Jeremy) Kershner of Decatur; four sons, Robert (Connie) Johnson of Convoy, Ohio, Dennis (Patricia) Johnson of Decatur, Duane (Devone) Johnson of Monroe and Mark Johnson of Fremont; two stepsons, Kerry Baumgartner of Garrett and Kevin (Penny) Baumgartner of Decatur; a stepdaughter, Kendra (Robert) Mendez of Decatur; a nephew, Rex Thatcher of Decatur; a brother, Alvin J. (June) Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Catherine German of Van Wert, Ohio, and Patsy Sites of Van Wert; 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with Pastor David Koeneman officiating. Interment will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Research and A.C.C.F. Cancer Fund.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.zwickjahn.com

Pamela Scott

BUTLER — Pamela D. (Hughes) Scott, 59, died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center in Allentown, Pa.

Mrs. Scott

She was the wife of Kim R. Scott.

A service will be held at a later date.

Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory Inc., 1551 Kenneth Road in York, Pa., is in charge of the arrangements.

Pamela was born in Baltimore, Md., on November 19, 1950, a daughter of the late Wilson and Marilyn (Stocksdale) Hughes. She was currently working as a physical therapist for East Noble School District in the Fort Wayne area.

Pamela served as treasurer for Motor Maids, Red Hat Society, and Lucky Ladies.

Along with her husband, Pamela leaves a son, Jerrod Wiesman of Cambridge, Mass; two daughters, Rachel O' Leary and her husband, Chris, of Mt. Wolf, Pa., and Scuffy Genius of Providence, R.I.; three grandchildren, Carter, Abigail, and Clelia; a brother, Wilson "Skip" Hughes and his wife, Carla, of Florida; and a sister-in-law, Trilby and her husband, Larry Schohl.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to DeKalb County Animal Shelter, 16173 Baseline Road, Genoa, IL 60135 or Children First Center, 1752 Wesley Road, Auburn, IN 46706.

Send online condolences to BestLifeTributes.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday

Case Waldron

STURGIS, Mich. — Case Edward Waldron of Sturgis, 5-month-old twin son of Donald and Sara (Heiple) Waldron died unexpectedly Sunday, June 20, 2010, at his home.

Waldron

He was born Jan. 24, 2010, at the Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Remington Waldron his twin and Keegan Schlabach; two sisters, Kylee Waldron and Peyton Waldron; his grandparents, Dennis and Jackie Heiple of Sturgis, Don and Vicki Brown of LaGrange, Indiana and Donald and LeeAnn Waldron Sr. of Goshen; his great-grandparents, Sandra Hummel of LaGrange and Dorothy Waldron of Goshen; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Ronald Hummel Sr., Harold Waldron and Foster and Norma McMillin.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Hackman Family Funeral Home, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, the Rev. Michael Cary officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 1-2:45 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Donald Waldron, 801 Mechanic St., Sturgis, MI 49091.

Condolences may be left on line at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com

Nancy Church

HAMILTON — Nancy L. Church, 63 years of Hamilton died Saturday, June 19, 2010, in her residence.

Nancy was born March 12, 1947, in Fallsburg, Kentucky, the daughter of George and Laura May (Mullins) Church.

Nancy was a machine operator for Mohawk Tools and also at the Ohio Art Company.

She had also worked at W.T. Grant Department Store as a sales clerk.

She enjoyed needlepoint as a hobby.

Surviving are her sisters, Margaret Workman of Hamilton, Indiana, and Laura McClory of Angola, Indiana; two brothers, Robert Workman of Nettle Lake, Ohio, and Tom Church of Angola, Indiana; along with many nieces and nephews who she helped raise.

Her parents and two brothers, Larry and William Church, preceded her in death.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 2010, in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio. Arrangements have been entrusted to Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, Hamilton.

Memorials in the name of Nancy L. Church may be given to the family.

The online guest register may be signed or private condolences may be sent to the family at www.oberlinturnbull.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday

Barbara Vanderpool

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Ellen Vanderpool, 79, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Vanderpool

Mrs. Vanderpool was born in Hueysville, Ky., on Feb. 4, 1931, to the late Preston and Lula (Shepherd) Shepherd. She was married to Elliott Vanderpool on Nov. 21, 1952, in Floyd County, Ky., and he preceded her death on Sept. 27, 2007.

Barbara loved spending time with all her family and going on Bingo outings with her friends. She also enjoyed watching her favorite game shows and soap operas on television.

She was employed with Monsanto in Ligonier for 25 years.

Survivors include four daughters, Sharon and Jim Sparkman of Kendallville, Marsha and Scott Clements of Kendallville, Trish and Gary Furlow of Sylvan Lake and Diana and Michael Gray of LaGrange; three sons, Michael and Shawn Vanderpool of Goshen, Larry and Serena Vanderpool of Garrett and Elliott Vanderpool Jr. of Bell Buckle, Tenn.; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Eugene and Evelyn Shepherd of Hueysville and Denver and Ann Shepherd of Hueysville; four sisters, Juanita and Paul Prater of Hueysville, Thelma Sue and Charles Hicks of Hueysville, Shelby and Morton "Sonny" Conley of Hueysville and Maxine Crager of Hueysville.

Mrs. Vanderpool was also preceded in death by her brothers, Roby and Mitchell Shepherd, and Ishmel Shepherd and her sisters, Myrtle Shepherd, Betty Prater and Raney Sparkman.

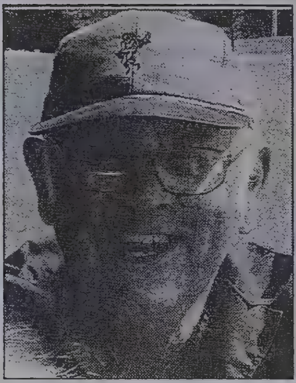
Visitation will be Thursday, June 24, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 25, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Leburn Combs. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery. Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Jimmy Sparkman, Chad Sparkman, Michael Vanderpool, Joseph Vanderpool, Andrew Vanderpool, Scott Clements Jr., Trevor Furlow, Justin Abdool and Cory Gray.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Boomerang Backpack Program.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday



Charles A. Miller, 86

Charles A. Miller, 86, a resident of rural Columbia City and long-time Churubusco rural mail carrier, passed away at 11:20 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion. He had been in failing health for some time and had been a patient there for the past three weeks.

Mr. Miller was born on April 22, 1924 in Allen County, a son of Lilan and Velma M. (Keltner) Miller, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1942. As a young man he served with the U. S. Army during World War II, and was married in Whitley County on March 22, 1947 to Virginia Lee. The couple have lived at their present home north of Columbia City for the past 58 years.

Employed with the U. S. Post Office in Churubusco, he worked as a rural carrier for over 32 years. He was a lifetime member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and the Ideal Fish & Game Club in Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include his wife Virginia, to whom he was married for over 63 years; two sons Bruce (Sue) Miller of Fort Wayne and Kent A. (Deborah) Miller of Columbia City; a brother Alva Miller of Monticello; two grandchildren Joy Miller and Andy Miller; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Randy Miller on January 9, 2010; and by a grandson M. J. Miller.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Barry Faucett, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites were in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Ideal Fish & Game Club in Churubusco.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Miller's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday

Gary A. Stuckman, 54

Gary A. Stuckman, age 54, of Syracuse, IN died on June 20, 2010 at 12:09 AM in Goshen General Hospital.

He was born on July 21, 2010 in Syracuse, IN to Ned & Bertha (Biltz) Stuckman. He married Angie Kauffman on March 10, 1981.

Gary was a lifetime area resident. He owned and operated Stuckman Towing Inc. and Stuckman Salvage Inc., both in Syracuse, IN, since the early eighties.

Survivors include his wife, Angie Stuckman of Syracuse, IN; two daughters, Arlene (Shawn) Kitson of Cromwell, IN, Darcy Curtis of Ligonier; one son, David (Bambi) Stuckman of Syracuse, IN; nine grandchildren; three brothers, Charlie (Sharon) Stuckman of Syracuse, IN, Alden (Joann) Stuckman of North Webster, IN, Dan (Linda) Stuckman of Syracuse, IN; two sisters, Joy Brown of Warsaw, IN, and Mary (Dick) Weaver of Syracuse, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ross Stuckman and Ned Stuckman Jr.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Stuckman's honor on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 11 AM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Pastor Brad Cox of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in North Webster, IN.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home from 2-8 PM.

Memorial contributions will be to C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp, 12522 S. 600 W., Silver Lake, IN 46982.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday

Lorelei 'Lori' Teghtmeyer Pfeiffer, 48

Lorelei "Lori" Teghtmeyer Pfeiffer, 48, of Columbia City, died at 3:55 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 2010 at her home. She had been in failing health for the past year.

She was born August 30, 1961 at Whitley County Memorial Hospital, Columbia City a daughter of James Earl and Cynthia A. (Wilson) Teghtmeyer. A lifelong resident of Whitley County, she graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1979.

In January 1979 she began her employment at Teghtmeyer Ace Hardware, becoming co-owner in 1999.

On February 8, 2000 she was united in marriage to James M. Pfeiffer.

Her memberships included Order of the Eastern Star #65 and "The Grey Girls".

Surviving relatives include her husband, Jim; step daughter, Amanda Bender of Albion; two step-granddaughters, Alyssa Bender and Mayah Rohr; mother, Cindy (John) Russell of Columbia City; sisters, Alicia (Doug) Johnson of Columbia City and Nickey Teghtmeyer of Charleston, SC; and three nephews, Austin Burnsworth, Drew Burnsworth and Kane Johnson.

Her father preceded her in death.

The funeral service was held at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Preferred memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 23, 2010, Wednesday

Paul B. Zeigler, 68

ALBION — Paul B. Zeigler, 68, a resident of rural Albion died Saturday, June 19, 2010, at 3:41 p.m., at his home in Noble Township following an extended illness.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 17, 1942, to Joseph "Ben" and Edith B. (Porter) Zeigler.

He was a 1960 graduate of Arcola High School.

He married Nancy Dafforn on Sept. 24, 1966, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Mr. Zeigler was a farmer and had worked at Newhouser Hatchery and Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne, and Autojectors, Inc. in Avilla. For the past 12 years he had been employed at 80/20, Inc. in Columbia City, and had worked part-time at Builder's Square and Panel Mart in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zeigler was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, and had served as the assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 509 in Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are his four children, Scott (Annette) Zeigler of Merriam, Heather (Rob) Rawles of Albion, Todd (Kim) Zeigler of Mooresville, N.C., and Chad Zeigler of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Zeigler.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastors Corinne K. Boruff and Larry Smith, officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Boy Scout Troop.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 24, 2010, Thursday

Patricia Shaw

ORLAND — Patricia M. Shaw, 71, died Tuesday night at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Patricia was born in Butler, Indiana, on January 1, 1939, to the late Walter Paul Sr. and Pauline (Beckworth) Krontz.

Patricia worked at Air-Way Manufacturing in Waterloo and made crafts out of her home.

She enjoyed fishing, watching the wildlife, listening to country music and being with her grandchildren.

Surviving Patricia is her husband, Gary, whom she married on April 20, 1995, in Angola.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald and Laura Fraley of Texas, Martin and Jane Fraley of Kendallville, Anthony "Tony" Fraley of Waterloo and Lou Fraley II and Sheila of Orland; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Bill Kelley of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Stacey and Chris Pollin of Waterloo and Beth Shaw of Waterloo; three brothers, James Paul Krontz of Orland, Roger Krontz of Burlington, Mich., and Walter Krontz Jr. of Bourbon, Ind.; four sisters, Laura Lee Strong of Fremont, Joyce Thomas of Butler, Mary English of Butler and Shirley Bassett of Newville; 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Fraley; a brother, Robert Krontz; and two sisters, Martha Jean Friedel and Deborah Hicks.

A graveside service for Patricia M. Shaw will be on Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

The H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of the arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book for Patricia at www.hejohnsonfh.com

M. Carolyn Bair

SYRACUSE — M. Carolyn Bair, 87, died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Koscuisko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. Bair had been employed as a housekeeper and did catering. She also had operated the Wolf Lake Dairy Treat.

She was a member of the Ormas Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bair was the daughter of Frank and Willamina (Light) Jerles.

Her husband, Cecil "Zeke" Bair, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara (Larry) Wilkinson; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rosemary Bair, and a son, David Bair.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Eastlund Funeral Home, 7458 E. C.R. 1000N, Syracuse.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church, Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministry or Baptist Children's Home in Kouts, Ind.

Thelma Nielsen

LAGRANGE — Thelma Nielsen, 93, of Indianapolis and formerly of LaGrange County died Monday, March 8, 2010.

According to her wishes cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Visitation wil be one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 24, 2010, Thursday

Nedra Bonham

Mrs. Bonham

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Nedra Jayne Bonham, 52, of Columbus died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at her home.

Nedra was a former X-ray technician at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne and was chief technologist at Columbus Diagnostic Imaging.

She was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children, family and friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 1306 27th Street, Columbus, with Father Clem Davis officiating.

Family and friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home, 1029 Washington St., Columbus.

Burial will be at Garland Brook Cemetery.

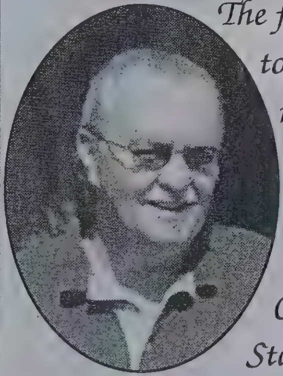
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Bartholomew Catholic School or Schneck Cancer Center in Seymour.

Online condolences may be sent to Nedra's family at www.barkesweaverglick.com

Born in Garrett December 15, 1957, Nedra was the daughter of Frank and Marge (Ballentine) Januseski. She married Michael R. Bonham on September 15, 1984.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Brandon Bonham of Cleveland, Ohio, and Alison Bonham of Fort Myers, Fla.,; a sister, Margo (Rick) Lewis of Angola; a brother, Tony (Chris) Januseski of Garrett; a niece, Sara (Bryan) Weber of Angola; nephews, Matt (Amy) Lewis and Andy (Sarah) Lewis, both of Angola; three great-nieces; and two great-nephews.

Nedra was preceded in death by her parents.



The family of Eugene "Dixie" Arthur would like to thank everyone for the kind words, cards, memorials & prayers. We especially thank Busche Enterprises, Robby Dotson, Larry & Margie Haynes, Sally Neuhouser, Jason & Barbara Stump, the Owners & Staff of Cripe's Bar & Grill and the Owners & Staff of TKS Bar.

~ Nancy & Denny Day

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 25, 2010, Friday

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM A. JORDAN

We are so thankful for our family and friends: for their cards, calls, flowers, food, and words of sympathy, at the loss of our father, husband, son, brother, friend.

We appreciate Feller and Clark Funeral Home for their kindness and thorough attention to details with the arrangements of the wake and graveside service.

A special recognition to Pastor David Snodderly, Jeff Finley, Jenniffer Jordan and Cindy Tarlton for presenting heartfelt words of encouragement, hope, faith, and memories and to Marilyn Cook, Carolyn Debis, Linda and Stacie Snodderly for their song and celebration of the life of Bill Jordan.

Thank you to the Garrett American Legion Post Color Guard and the Fort Wayne National Guard for their military tribute and ceremony.

Thanks to those who donated to the Souls Harbor Assembly of God music program in Bill's memory and to all who have kept us in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely, Terry, Jenniffer, Jessica, Jacqueline Jordan,
Roberta Jordan (mother), brothers and sisters

Linnea DePew

KENDALLVILLE — Linnea A. DePew, 63, of Kendallville died Wednesday, June 23, 2010, in the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Robert Wilcox

HAMILTON — Robert J. "Bob" Wilcox, 84, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at his home in rural Hamilton.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

A full obituary will appear in the Sunday edition.

Lyle Rockwell

ANGOLA — Lyle B. Rockwell, 90, of Angola died Thursday, June 24, 2010, in Angola.

Mr. Rockwell had retired from Spartons Corp. He was also a carpenter.

He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran.

He was born April 26, 1920, in Jackson, Mich. to L.D. Rockwell and Thelma G. (Slaughter) Jacobson. He married Ruth Hewlett on Sept. 19, 1942. She passed away Oct. 21, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Rockwell of Parma, Mich.; two daughters, Carol Allen of Angola and Laurette Rockwell of Jackson, Mich.; four grandchildren, Michele Sonner, Dawn Burris, Michael Rockwell and Jennifer Breining; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth (Hewlett) Rockwell; a daughter, Mary Louise Jackman; and a brother, Edsel Rockwell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Joan North officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Jackson, Mich.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health in Angola.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Jerald Henley

FREMONT — Jerald Norton "Jerry" Henley, 71, of Carrollton, Texas, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at The Madison On Marsh in Carrollton.

Mr. Henley was employed in the airline Industry for 37 years with National, Pan Am and Delta airlines, all in New York City, except for the last year when he was transferred to Dallas, Texas. He retired from Delta Airlines in 1994.

He graduated from Washington (Ind.) High School in 1956, where he excelled in playing baseball, football and basketball.

Jerry attended Vincennes University for one year before joining the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve where he served honorably for six years.

He was born July 6, 1938, in Nappanee, Ind., to Loomis and Charlene (Norton) Henley. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother, Jan Henley of Indianapolis; three nephews, Brian Henley of Raleigh, N.C., Brett Henley of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Mark Henley of Seattle, Wash.; and a niece, Rebecca Weise of Longmont, Colo.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind. Burial will be in Ray-Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont, Ind. Military committal services will be conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Monday, June 28, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219-7056.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Virginia Spellman

ALBION — Virginia Trein Spellman, 88, passed away early Friday, April 30, 2010, at her home in Albion after a lengthy illness.

She was born November 17, 1921 in Elwood, Indiana, to the late Freda Parcell and Edward F. Smith I. She married Harold Spellman on January 3, 1962. He preceded her in death.

She was very loving mother to two daughters, Sonja "Sonny" and Rudy Colden of Cromwell and Janet "Suzie" Yumet who preceded her in death in 1997.

Virginia was a retired restaurant owner and also proudly worked as a tour guide at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site near Rome City.

Other survivors include her grandchildren, Mike Yumet, Michele Gridley, Marcy Helms, Missy Bonin, Ronald Woodworth, David Kelly Woodworth, Kerri Bell and Kristi Peak; 25 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anita Moore of Columbus, Ohio, and Delores Fraley of South Dakota; a brother, Ronald Smith of North Carolina; and a half sister Sandra Parskley of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kimberly Sue Patches in 2008.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service was held on May 22, 2010, at 3 p.m. at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site near Rome City.

Burial of ashes will be held at a later date at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To the view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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George Bickel

MEADVILLE, Pa. — George A. Bickel of Dawn Court in Meadville, Pa., died Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at Meadville Medical Center.

He was born May 26, 1925, in Emlenton, Rockland Township, Pa., the son of George A. and Mary T. (Coulter) Bickel. He married Barbara Spencer on July 8, 1945. She preceded him in death on June 30, 2003. He then married Evelyn Nosker on April 30, 2008. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Gail (John) Bulanda of New Lenox, Ill., Bonnie (Clare) Fater of Auburn, Ind., and Patti (Jay) Paxton of The Villages, Fla.; his stepson, Wayne (Marie) Nosker; his stepdaughter, Linda (John) Litzinger of Meadville; his grandchildren, Michelle (Andy) Batchelder, Beth Fater, David (Erin) Bulanda, Sara Paxton, Mike (Sadie) Litzinger and Mark (Charlotte) Litzinger; his great-grandchildren, Jayson Hill and Isaiah Clemons, Joseph, Theresa and Matthew Bulanda and Clayton and Cerese Litzinger; his sister, Helen Brown of Wesleyville; his sister-in-law, Maxine (Peter) DeGerlado; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Bickel.

Mr. Bickel graduated from Pleasantville High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He retired after 30 years as plant manager for Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Bickel had lived in Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois Neighbor Lodge 1169 for 49 years. He was a life member of the Lancaster, New York, Elks Lodge 1478 and an endowment member of the NRA.

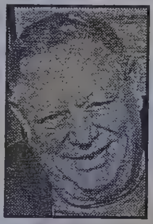
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Roofner-Collins Funeral Home, 544 Chestnut St., Meadville, Pa. with the Rev. Dave Brumagin officiating. A military service will follow by VFW Post 2006

Viewing will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today, Friday, June 25, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, P.O. Box 998, Hot Springs, SD 57747. George had enjoyed at trip to the sanctuary last fall.

William Smith

COLUMBUS, Ohio — William Thomas Smith, 72, of Athens, Ohio, and formerly of Fremont died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Kobacker Hospice House in Columbus, Ohio.


Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had worked as a plant pathologist and was involved in pesticide research before joining the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked as a rural mail carrier for 15 years until his retirement in 1999.

He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the Ohio State University and completed all work for a master's degree in plant pathology at the University of Idaho.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Air Force from January 1955 to October 1958.

He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 24 years, Elks Lodge 1558 in Carlsbad, N.M., and the Escapees RV Club.

He was born on July 15, 1937, in Junction City, Ore., to Helma Helen Brunton and Andrew Armintis Smith. He married Mary Leona Houser on Sept. 2, 1961, in Cherry Hill, N.J. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Abbott (Laura) Smith of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter Kricket (Eric) Schwartzberg of Cincinnati; a brother, Chuck (Margaret Ann) Smith; a sister, Charlotte (Stanley) DeHart; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Garth Smith, and an adopted son, Michael Miller.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at First Christian Church, 24 W. State St., Athens, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to Four County Transitional Living, 227 1/2 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN, 46703 or Kobacker Hospice House, 3595 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH, 43214

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Linnea DePew

KENDALLVILLE — Linnea Adela DePew, 63, of Kendallville died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She had lived in the area since 1958, and was a native of Nebraska. She graduated from Kendallville High School as salutatorian in 1964.

Mrs. DePew

Mrs. DePew was a 20-year survivor of a liver transplant. Along with her husband, she owned and operated their dairy farm, Knob-Hil-Vue. She was also a homemaker and Avon representative.

For the past 12 years, Mrs. DePew worked for A&H Specialties in Kendallville.

Linnea was very active in her four daughters' education and was supportive of all their extracurricular activities, including but not limited to: East Noble High School Theatre, East Noble Band Boosters, East Noble Show Choirs, Business Professional of America, gymnastics, FFA and science competitions.

In 2009, she was named the Grand Marshal of Noble County Community Fair Parade recognizing her involvement in 4-H, Home Extension and the community. She and her husband were instrumental in the start of the 4-H Dairy Steer Project. Mrs. DePew continued her support of the project by being secretary. She was also involved in the building of the Beef/Dairy Steer Barn at the fairgrounds. In addition, she consistently served in the youth organization's Dairy Project for more than 30 years.

Mrs. DePew helped start the Noble County Preview Dairy Steer Show 12 years ago and has served as secretary/treasurer since the beginning. She served in all of the offices of the Noble County Home Extension Club and was a member of the Fun 'N' Fancy Homemakers Club.

She was a treasurer of Gaslight Playhouse Inc. She also loyally worked the elections for the Republican Party for more than 30 years.

She was born November 10, 1946, in Hastings, Neb., to Jacob and Edna (Maaske) Heathers. On January 1, 1965, she married Robert Earl DePew in Corunna.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Lee Ann DePew of Kendallville, Robin and Steve Fuhrman of Avilla, Lori Bowman of Peoria, Ill., and Renee and Sid Carty Jr. of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren, Heidi and Wes Spencer, Nick Fuhrman, Heather Wade, Philip Bowman, Elizabeth Bowman, Faith Bowman, Jakeb Bowman, Grace Bowman, Derek Carty, Arlan Carty and Morgan Carty; and her mother, Edna (Gram) Heathers of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death are her father on December 31, 1983, and her husband on March 26, 1997.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, her father's birth date, in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2010, and 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the 4-H Dairy Steer Leadership Award, Gaslight Playhouse Inc. or Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Gene Smith

COLDWATER — Gene V. Smith, 80, of Coldwater, died Friday, June 25, 2010 at Sturgis Hospital surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Bronson with pastors Terry Siler and George Milliman officiating. Interment will follow at Snow Prairie Cemetery.

Visitation is Monday at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson from 2-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a memory in the family online guest book.

Matthew Mast

LAGRANGE — Matthew James Mast, stillborn son of Brian and Sara (Yoder) Mast, was stillborn at 4:18 p.m. Friday June 25, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Alvin Beachy

MILLERSBURG — Alvin D. Beachy, 86, of Millersburg died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, from complication of an auto accident on June 15 in LaGrange County.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Joy Conservative Mennonite Church in Goshen. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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Norma Lovely

AVILLA — Norma Lovely, 88, of Avilla went to be with Jesus on Friday, June 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville with her family at her side.

Mrs. Lovely had lived in the area since 1959, coming from Kentucky. She was a homemaker. She had also worked at Sacred Heart Home, No-Sag, and also cared for people in their homes.

Mrs. Lovely

She was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Kendallville. She enjoyed making quilts and crafting. Norma loved her kids and grandkids … they were the joy of her life.

She was born June 30, 1921, in Hueysville, Kentucky, to Benjamin and Burlie (Coburn) Shepherd, and was the granddaughter of A.J. and Margaret Shepherd. She married Bill Jarrett. He preceded her in death. She then married William "Bill" Lovely. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Pastor Zaundra and Pastor Carter Hicks of LaGrange, Lynda and Dave Butler of Piketon, Ohio, and Kaye and Robert Fisher of Fort Wayne; two sons, Wade J. Lovely and his significant other Rebecca Walker of Wolcottville and Duane E. Lovely of Avilla; 17 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; a sister, Faye Shepherd of Hueysville, Ky.; a brother, Alex Shepherd of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, John Reed of Hueysville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Timothy Ray Lovely, who passed away Aug. 29, 2002; two grandsons, Delbert L. Cobbs, Jr., and Keith Allen Combs; three brothers, Owen Shepherd, Coy Shepherd, and Lloyd "Claude" Shepherd; and two sisters, Phyllis Reed and Tilly Stevens.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Shepherd Cemetery at Shepherd Village on Route 2029, Hueysville, Ky.

Calling is Monday from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Gospel Lighthouse Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Shawn Riley

AVILLA — Shawn Michael Riley, 42, died June 23, 2010, at his home in Avilla. He had been ill since September of 2009 with saranomia cancer.

He was born on May 10, 1968, in Coldwater, Mich., to Ray and Patsy (Weakly) Riley. He came to Avilla from Waterloo and LaGrange and has lived here since September. He worked as a bundler at Courier in Kendallville. He had many interests, including kayaking, puzzles, soduko, NASCAR, music and fishing. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles and was a big Notre Dame fan especially football. He was a member of the Auburn Retreat APA Pool League.

He is survived by his mother, Patsy Riley of LaGrange; two sons, Cody Lee Riley, and Steven Riley, both of LaGrange, and a sister and her fiance, Julie Macy and Jamey Hall of Avilla; nephews, Joshua Bowser Riley of Indianapolis, Joseph Evans of Auburn; great nephews, Kiyle Bowser, Lucas Collier, Gavin Collier, and Riley Bowser; great nieces, Faith Ellen Miller, Joey Elizabeth Evans, Ava Lorraine Collier, Alana Kay Collier; and one niece and her husband, Jamie Lorraine and Steve Collier of Auburn.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Lee Everts Riley and a great niece, Ragen Evans.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Evelyn Wells

ALBION — Evelyn A. Wells, 92, died Friday, June 25, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for about a week.

Mrs. Wells

She was born in St. Joe County, Mich., on Sept. 19, 1917, and was the daughter of Marvin and Ethel (Richey) Eames. She spent most of her adult life in the Albion and Churubusco area. On Nov. 28, 1969, she married James Wells in Albion. He died on July 27, 2000.

She was a machine operator at General Electric in Fort Wayne and retired from there after more than 30 years of service. She enjoyed canning, working in her garden, traveling and fishing. She was also a 30-year member of the American Legion Post 242 Women's Auxilliary in Albion.

She is survived by her children, Ellen Dazey and her companion Charlie Jones of Bonita Springs, Fla.; Floyd and Irene Clingerman of Albion, and Phyllis Smith of Paoli; a stepson and his wife, Robert and Marie Wells of Albion, eight grandchildren, Sue (Larry) Montgomery of Butler, Larry (Marie) Ely of New Haven, Rick Ely of Avilla, Mike Clingerman and Jody Lewis of Albion, Jane (Floyd) Javis of Fort Wayne, Chrissy (Larry) Reed of Zionsville, Kevin Egolf of Huntington, and Todd (Johnine) Clingerman of Columbia City; 12 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and one step-grandchild; and one brother and his wife, Robert and Mary Lou Eames of Kimmell.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James; a son, Ronald Clingerman on Nov. 16, 1988; two grandchildren, Terry Clingerman and Curt Clingerman, and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Larry Williams will officiate. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and also one hour prior to the funeral.

Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Memorials are to the North Ridge Village Nursing Home's activities department. Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Gina Blackstone

BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Gina Marie (Harrold) Blackstone, 47, of Brentwood, Calif., and formerly of Waterloo, was taken from us suddenly after a motorcycle accident on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, along with her fiancé Anthony Soldano.

Ms. Blackstone

Gina was born Feb. 19, 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, and raised just outside of Waterloo.

She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1981. She moved to California in 1988. She had a long career in the plumbing and homebuilding industry while in California.

Gina was loved by many and had a huge heart. She was always seen with a big smile on her face and got great joy out of helping others. She touched many people's lives in many different ways and didn't know a stranger.

She is survived by her mother, Lura Lee Harrold of Bourbon; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Stacey Harrold of Burnsville, Minn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Tim Downing of Etna Green; two nieces, Hannah Downing and Quinn Marie Downing; and three nephews, Jackson Downing, Alex Harrold and Adam Harrold.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene L. "Stretch" Harrold, who passed away Nov. 13, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A private family burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery in rural Hamilton.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Gina was a staunch supporter of the breast cancer crusade and would have liked it if her friends and family were to donate to the cause in her name.

We will miss you Gina Marie, you were one in a million.

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Robert Wilcox

HAMILTON — Robert J. "Bob" Wilcox, 84, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at his home in rural Hamilton.

Mr. Wilcox

He was born Nov. 2, 1925, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Stanley G. and Helena (Jewell) Wilcox. He married Eileen Leonard on Nov. 2, 1943, in Liberty Center, Ohio. She survives.

Mr. Wilcox was the owner and operator of the Oak Lanes Mobile Home Park in rural Hamilton for the past 34 years. He also worked for Cooper-Standard Automotive Company as a supervisor for over 18 years.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was a former member of the Montpelier, Ohio, Masonic Lodge and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley F. Wilcox of Hamilton, and Rodney J. and Parris Wilcox of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy A. and Larry Grogg of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Paige Gonzalez and her husband Nicholas, Jillian Wilcox, and Kelly Knaggs and her husband Scott; two great grandchildren, Megan Ewing and Anthony Wilcox; and a great-great grandson, Nicholas Wilcox.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Herbert Wilcox and Clifford Wilcox.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be Hamilton Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon-2 p.m. on Wednesday prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

John Cummins

HOWE — John P. Cummins, 63, of Howe, died Friday, June 25, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Cummins

He was born Dec. 3, 1946, in Princeton, to Glenn W. and Rosemary (Burns) Cummins. His father survives in Vincennes. On Dec. 26, 1970, he married Margaret "Maggie" (Juday). She survives in Howe.

He retired in March of 2010 from Morgan Olson Corp. in Sturgis, Mich., after 38 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran and has lived in the area since 1972.

John was a member of the Calvary Chapel in Stroh and was a past-president of the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Colleen Rubley of Bronson, Mich., and Megan and Dean Smith of Lafayette; one son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Cassy Cummins of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Michael Jackson of Franklin, Tenn.; Marie and Jerry Fuller and Helena Cummins, all of Vincennes; six brothers and sisters-in-law, G. Edward and Nancy Cummins of Indianapolis; Michael and Charlotte Cummins of Ocala, Fla.; William and Jessica Cummins of Powder Springs, Ga; Gregory and Bridget Cummins of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Philip and Michelle Cummins and Kevin and Missy Cummins, all of Vincennes.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Brighton Chapel in Howe, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will take place in Pretty Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials may be directed to the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket, Gospel for Asia or Howe Fire Department.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy Lautzenhiser

HAMILTON — Dorothy E. Lautzenhiser, 93, of Hamilton died Friday, June 25, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 7, 1917, in Edgerton, Ohio, the daughter of L. Earl Alwood and Cordia (Herrick) Alwood. She was united in marriage to Harold T. Smith in May 1950 at South Bend, and he preceded her in death in January 1973. On January 1, 1995, she was united in marriage to Lloyd L. Lautzenhiser in Hamilton, and he preceded her in death on March 26, 1999.

Dorothy was a 1935 graduate of Hamilton High School. After graduation, she lived in Niles, Mich., and moved to Edwardsburg, Mich., in 1954, returning to Hamilton in 1995.

Dorothy was a member of the Metz Christian Church and the Hamilton Lions Club.

She was the owner of H & H Cleaners in Edwardsburg, Mich., from 1954-1994. She had been the president of the Edwardsburg Village Council for eight years, past president of the Lions Club of Edwardsburg, Mich., past president of the Edwardsburg Business and Professional Women's Club and past member of the Ontawa Baptist Church in Edwardsburg, Mich.

Surviving are her grandchildren, Mark Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lisa (Scott) MacKenzie of St. Louis, Mo.; stepdaughters, Elizabeth (Stanley) Gilbert of Metz and Diane (Richard) Brink of McBain, Mich.; stepsons, John (Debbie) and Gary (Leona) Lautzenhiser of Hamilton and Lloyd (Silvia) Lautzenhiser of Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada; one great-granddaughter; 20 step-grandchildren; 39 step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, two sons, Harry and Thomas Smith; sisters, Zeda Huff and Bernice Reynolds; a brother, Max Alwood and sister-in-law, Twila Shultz.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Metz Christian Church with Pastor Michael Hesterman officiating.

Burial will follow in Carter Cemetery, Hamilton.

Visitation will be at the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 Church St., Hamilton, on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with the Hamilton Lions Club Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308 or Gamma Knife, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, which may be given through the Hamilton Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent to the family and the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

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Donna Kester

AUBURN — Donna L. Kester, 78, of Auburn died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born March 17, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Oral and Marie (Affolder) Rodebaugh. She married Ralph K. Kester on Nov. 28, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kester worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for nine years. She then went to work for the Messenger Corporation in Auburn and retired after 21 years of service.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Laurie S. Kester of Auburn, Debra S. and Barry Bruner of Auburn, and Shirley A. West of Auburn; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a brother, David Rodebaugh of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Louise Burkley of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Danny L. Kester; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

Robert Armey

ANGOLA — Robert Lee Armey, 78, of Angola, died Friday, June 25, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Armey was born Sept. 6, 1931, in Silver Lake to Benjamin and Anna Armey. He married Beverly Walsh on May 1, 1949. She preceded him in death Oct. 17, 1994.

He worked as a salesman for Brammal in Angola. He was a 50-year member of the Angola Moose Lodge, a member of the Men's Auxiliary of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eagles Lodge in Montpelier, Ohio, and the Harley Owner's Group.

He is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Ann Armey of Pleasant Lake, Tony and Karen Armey of Angola, Mike and Carla Armey of Edon, Ohio, and Rocky and Becky Armey of New Haven; a brother, Denny Armey of Fort Wayne; a sister, Betty Olsen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Matthew Mast

TOPEKA — Matthew James Mast, stillborn son of Brian and Sara J. (Yoder) Mast of Topeka, was delivered Friday, June 25, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Services were conducted by Bishop John Beachey of the Old Order Amish church.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Phillip Fisher was a friendly face

BY JIM SHILANDER
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FREMONT — In every person's life, there are people they may not know all that well, but who they see all the time.

Mr. Fisher

Those people, their cheery dispositions or perhaps their kind words, help get us through tough times, or even just through the day.

For many in the town of Fremont, and especially his family, Phillip Fisher was that friendly face.

Fisher, who moved to Fremont 15 years ago to be closer to family, died June 11 at age 63.

Fisher was a veteran, serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. As such, he became a fixture at Fremont's American Legion Post, as well as the Fremont Moose Lodge. Mike Collins, chaplain of the Legion, conducted Phillips' funeral service and knew him as a mainstay at the Legion hall.

"He was a quiet guy," Collins said. "He was smiley, joined the conversation as best he could. He was just a quiet, friendly guy."

Collins said he also remembered Collins for his faith.

"He would read the Gospels at night. His worship in his own way," Collins noted.

Niece Ginger Fifield confirmed as much.

"Each day was a blessing that he was here, that's what he'd say all the time," Fifield said. "He would watch the preachers on Sunday mornings on television. He wouldn't go to church, but he always had his Bible with him."

Later in his life, she said, family became the most important thing in her uncle's life.

"He loved going out for cookouts, coming over for family dinners or going to baseball games," she said. "Whenever he could be there he'd be there."

Nephews John and Stanley Bowen said their uncle moved to Fremont after the two of them, and Ginger, moved to Steuben County from Flint, Mich.

"He was a good guy, but he got better when he came here," Stanley Bowen said. "He was more lovable, more respectable person. He'd gotten lonely up there when no one was up there with him."

John said his uncle had some personal problems before moving, calling before he moved to say that he'd seen too many friends lost, and he didn't want a similar fate. Being closer to his family saved him, John said.

"He was always outgoing and open with people, but that really came through when he came down here. It changed his life," he said.

John said his uncle had taken an active role in the lives of his nieces and nephews growing up. "He took care of me, he changed my diapers," John joked."He was a wonderful uncle, and you couldn't have had a better friend."

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CARD OF THANKS

We are so grateful to Dave and Sara Brown, Jeremy Hill and all the personnel at Hamilton Village Foods for their heart warming support and the bountiful trays of food.

A special thanks to the American Legion Post 467, Hamilton for the ceremony at the cemetery. Thanks to the Honor Guard and Commander, Jim Barron, to the chaplain Larry Curtis and to Walt Lilly for the presentation of the American Flag.

Thanks to our many, many friends and relatives who came to visit us at the funeral home and the ladies of the Hamilton United Methodist Church for furnishing the meal for the family.

For all the delicious food you gave, the hugs, encouraging words, the beautiful flowers, lovely mementos, your caring thoughts and prayers that touched our hearts - we give our endless thanks.

Thanks to the Weicht Funeral Home for their gracious service and kindness at such a difficult time.

The Family of Dick Waters
Pat
Robin, Bob, Ben and Josh
Lance, April, Logan, Alex and Ariel
Kyle and Kory

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Shirley Garrison

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley Lee Garrison, 81, of Kendallville died on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Garrison

He was born in Wabash, Indiana, on November 29, 1928, to the late Dwight and Ruth (Pugh) Garrison.

Mr. Garrison graduated from Kendallville High School in 1947.

He married JoAnne Surfus on January 23, 1949, in Kendallville. Mrs. Garrison preceded him in death on September 3, 2003.

Over the years Mr. Garrison worked for Charlie Hosler, K. Lash and Sons and Richards Construction, all of Kendallville, and then retired in 1995 from Starcraft of Goshen, all as a cabinetmaker.

He served his country in the National Guard 283rd Infantry Division, retiring after 25 years.

Mr. Garrison was a Boy Scout leader in Kendallville in the 1960s and 1970s where he earned the Silver Beaver award.

Survivors include four daughters, Sue and Alan Maxson of Kendallville, Peggy and William Oyer of Garrett, Patti and Paul Leathers of Rome City and Sandy and David Davis of Park City, Utah; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; three brothers, Tom Garrison of Churubusco, Richard Garrison of Kendallville and Lynn Garrison of Kendallville; two sisters, Julia Ann Berkley of Kendallville and Esther Rodgers of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, JoAnne Garrison; one daughter, Sherry Lang; one brother, Eugene Garrison; and one sister, Hilda Rasler.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 29, 2010, from 10 a.m. to noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 12 noon at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Father James Stoyle.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Society.

View a video tribute by Tuesday, June 29, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Beverly Stahl

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly G. Stahl, 79, of Kendallville died on Sunday, June 27, 2010, at the Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Beverly Stahl

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly G. Stahl, age 79, of Kendallville died on Sunday, June 27, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stahl worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 25 years, retiring in October of 1990.

Mrs. Stahl

She loved to play bingo with her friends.

She was born in Newville, Indiana, on September 30, 1930, to the late Ernest and Edna (Harter) Nelson. She was married to Paul Stahl until his passing in 1986.

Survivors include four daughters, Gloria Yarde of Tacoma, Washington, Mary Lou Yarde of Butler, Indiana, Sheryl Yarde of Ohio, and Patricia and Richard Barnes of Bristol, Indiana; two sons, Larry and Cindy Yarde of Rockwood, Tennessee, and David Brumbaugh of Auburn, Indiana; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Pring of Tacoma, Washington

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Stahl; two grandchildren, Patrick and Heather; one sister; and two brothers

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 30, 2010, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

There will be no funeral services or burial.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Charlotte Smith

ANGOLA — Charlotte G. Smith of Angola, Ind., age 107, died Sunday, June 27, 2010, in Angola, Ind.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, July 1, 2010, at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint, Mich., with Pastor Clifford J. Furness officiating.

Burial will be in Flint Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Charlotte was born in Whigville, Ohio, on March 2, 1903, the daughter of the late William Craig and Clara (Large) Guiler.

She was a resident of Flint most of her life.

Charlotte earned her master's degree in astronomy and taught astronomy at Smith College in Massachusetts from 1925 to 1932.

She retired from Sanford House Interior Decorating as a bookkeeper in Flint.

Charlotte was a member of Oak Park United Methodist Church in Flint and also a longtime member of T.O.P.S.

Surviving are children, Philip and his wife Janet Smith of Lake Fenton, and Kathleen and her husband Paul Hoffmaster of Angola, IN; four grandchildren, Cary, Craig, Teresa and Charlene; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and five sisters.

Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

Ruth Herron

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth A. Herron, 88, of Churubusco died Monday, June 28, 2010, at The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler following an extended illness.

Among the surviving relatives are her children, Sally (Victor) Spear of Churubusco, Julie (Rev. Terry L.) Zolman of Albion, Reynard (Joan) Herron of Churubusco, and Susan (Peter) Rogers of Albion.

Funeral arrangements are being completed at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Herron's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

A full obit will appear in Wednesday's edition.

John Sturgis

KENDALLVILLE — John Sturgis, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, June 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville

Funeral services for Mr. Sturgis are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Robert Zimmerman

BUTLER — Robert Zimmerman, 59, died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

There are no services or calling planned at this time.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

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Daisy Winebrenner

ALBION — Daisy M. Winebrenner, age 94, a lifetime Albion resident, died early Sunday morning, June 27, 2010, at her home in Albion. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

She was born on November 14, 1915, in Wolf Lake, Indiana, and was the daughter of Rollie and Cleo (Huntsman) Weber.

She graduated from Albion High School in the class of 1933.

She married Richard A. Winebrenner on November 12, 1942, in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Winebrenner worked as a teacher's aid for many years at Central Noble School. She loved all the kids and they loved her.

She went to church all of her life and taught many Sunday school classes.

She was also a very talented seamstress, and made many special outfits for her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Richard A. Winebrenner of Albion; her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Mona Winebrenner of Albion; two granddaughters, Michelle (Mike) Schultz of Albion and Melinda Willett of New Paris; three great-grandchildren, Megan and Matthew Dreibelbis of Albion and Bethany Willett of New Paris; and nine nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Calvin, Elton and Dale Weber; and a sister, Eva Weber.

Funeral services for Mrs. Winebrenner will be Friday, July 2, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Officiating will be Pastor Doug Keenan and the Rev. Walter Winebrenner. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 on Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Daisy to the Gideons.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Nancy Chester

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. — Nancy Jane (Halsey) Chester, 55 of Crossville, Tenn., died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Grant Medical Center in Columbus Ohio.

She was born March 22, 1955, in Angola. Her father Clifford D. Halsey has preceded her in death. Her mother and stepfather, Phyllis Mae (Rasler) and Jon Phelps, survive in Hamilton.

Nancy was a homemaker. She attended Prairie Heights High School.

She home schooled her children and taught at different schools in the area.

She loved to decorate cakes, gardening, music, collecting rocks and doing creative things with her hands. She loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She married Hugh C. Chester June 6, 1971, in Steuben County and he survives in Crossville. She is also survived by a son, Ben Chester of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jenny and Steve Dalton of Crossville, Tenn., and Amy Chester of Chattanooga, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Cameron Lee Chester, Cora Danniel Chester, Cierra Brook Chester, Kyrra Adley Chester, Hunter Dalton, Haley Dalton, Gabriel Careathers and Noah Careathers; a great-grandson, Caydin Jean Chipman; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Gary Butler of Auburn, Julie and Terry Greenwood of Waterloo and Debbie and Craig Siders of Ashley.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Russell Hepler of the Plato United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Summer City Cemetery in Pikeville, Tenn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family in care of Jenny Dalton, 1612 Sunset Ridge Drive, Crossville, Tenn. 38571.

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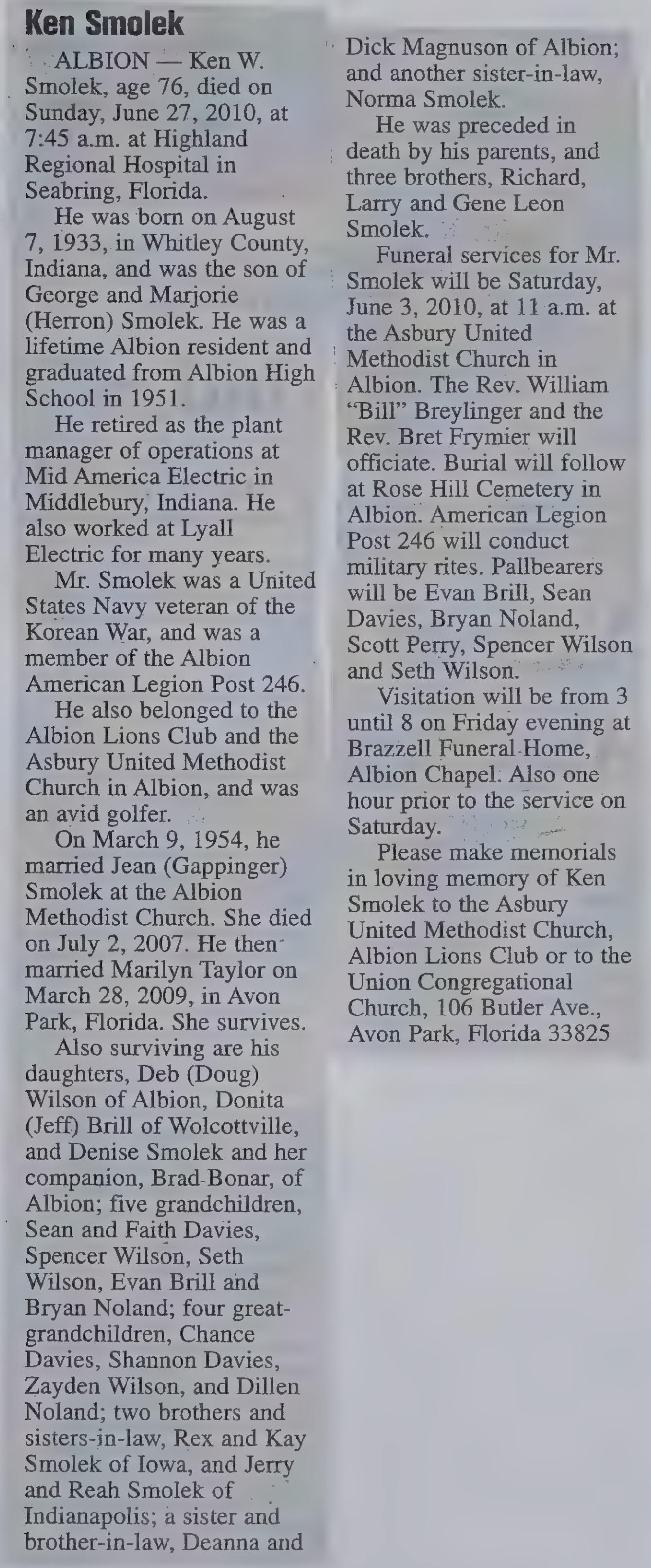

Ken Smolek

ALBION — Ken W. Smolek, age 76, died on Sunday, June 27, 2010, at 7:45 a.m. at Highland Regional Hospital in Seabring, Florida.

He was born on August 7, 1933, in Whitley County, Indiana, and was the son of George and Marjorie (Herron) Smolek. He was a lifetime Albion resident and graduated from Albion High School in 1951.

He retired as the plant manager of operations at Mid America Electric in Middlebury, Indiana. He also worked at Lyall Electric for many years.

Mr. Smolek was a United States Navy veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246.

He also belonged to the Albion Lions Club and the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, and was an avid golfer.

On March 9, 1954, he married Jean (Gappinger) Smolek at the Albion Methodist Church. She died on July 2, 2007. He then married Marilyn Taylor on March 28, 2009, in Avon Park, Florida. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Deb (Doug) Wilson of Albion, Donita (Jeff) Brill of Wolcottville, and Denise Smolek and her companion, Brad Bonar, of Albion; five grandchildren, Sean and Faith Davies, Spencer Wilson, Seth Wilson, Evan Brill and Bryan Noland; four great-grandchildren, Chance Davies, Shannon Davies, Zayden Wilson, and Dillen Noland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rex and Kay Smolek of Iowa, and Jerry and Reah Smolek of Indianapolis; a sister and brother-in-law, Deanna and Dick Magnuson of Albion; and another sister-in-law, Norma Smolek.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Richard, Larry and Gene Leon Smolek.

Funeral services for Mr. Smolek will be Saturday, June 3, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. William "Bill" Breylinger and the Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. American Legion Post 246 will conduct military rites. Pallbearers will be Evan Brill, Sean Davies, Bryan Noland, Scott Perry, Spencer Wilson and Seth Wilson.

Visitation will be from 3 until 8 on Friday evening at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Also one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Ken Smolek to the Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion Lions Club or to the Union Congregational Church, 106 Butler Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825

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Caroline Huffman

KENDALLVILLE — Caroline Joan (Auker) Huffman, age 68, of Kendallville passed away on Monday, June 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Huffman

Mrs. Huffman was born in Portland, Indiana, on May 31, 1942, to the late Harold N. and Dorothy Lucille (Glassburn) Shipley.

She was employed with General Tire in Marion for 11 years and IMCO in Huntington for eight years.

Caroline also tended bar and worked as a waitress at Annie's and the Plymouth Club, both in Marion.

She enjoyed playing bingo, bird watching and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Judi and Jay Clark of Royer Lake, LaGrange, Susan Nunley of Kodak, Tennessee, and Pamela Murphy of Rockford, Illinois; two sons, Steven and Monica Murphy of Poneta, Indiana, and Kenneth D. Huffman of VanBuren, Indiana; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, John Auker of Texas City, Texas; a half brother, Michael Shipley of Gilmer, Texas; and a half sister, Melinda Shipley of Gilmer.

She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, who raised her, V. Lee Auker; her daughter, Angela Lee Huffman; her grandson who was her hero, Lance Cpl. Andrew Whitacre; and two half brothers, George Auker and Gene Auker.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 1, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be private.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Ruth Herron

CHURUBUSCO —Ruth A. Herron, 88, of Churubusco died Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Herron had worked at the former Barnhart Drug Store and later in the cafeteria at Smith-Green Community Schools. She was employed at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring from there as an inspector in 1985.

Mrs. Herron

A resident of Churubusco all of her adult life, she was a 1939 graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Herron was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

She was born Aug. 27, 1921 in DeKalb County, to Leroy C. and Florence Ethel (Musser) Hodges. She married Arthur L. Herron in Columbia City on Feb. 19, 1941. Mr. Herron preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sally (Victor) Spear of Churubusco, Julie (Rev. Terry L.) Zolman of Albion, and Susan (Peter) Rogers of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Reynard (Joan) Herron of Churubusco; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Verna Crooks; two brothers Elsworth J. Hodges and Charles L. Hodges; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastors Terry L. Zolman and Steve Pulley officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to EMS Medic 21, 204 N. Line St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Elizabeth Beck

LIGONIER — Elizabeth Beck, 91, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at Avalon Village in Ligonier. Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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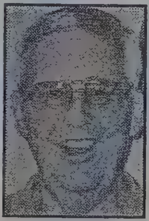
John Sturgis

KENDALLVILLE — John William Sturgis, age 75, of Kendallville, died on Monday, June 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Sturgis

Mr. Sturgis was born in Rome City, Indiana, on March 17, 1935, to the late Lloyd J. and Evelyn (Stiffner) Sturgis.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1953 where he played basketball and was a catcher on the baseball team.

He married Marlene Evelyn Dietrich Sturgis on September 10, 1955, in Kendallville.

Mr. Sturgis was retired from Hudson Trucking in 1997.

An avid IU basketball fan, John was a member of the Elks Lodge 1194 and the Masonic Lodge 276, both of Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Marlene Sturgis of Kendallville; a daughter, Brenda Donat of Goshen; three sons, Greg and Gina Sturgis of Kendallville, Kevin and Leesa Sturgis of Sylvan Lake and Chris Sturgis of Sylvan Lake; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Donna Hefty of Sylvan Lake; and a brother, Ronald Sturgis of Sturgis, Michigan.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 1, 2010, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville where there will be funeral services immediately following at 7 p.m.

Burial will be later at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be his sons, Greg, Kevin, and Chris; his brother, Ron Sturgis; and friends, Tom Alberts and Eugene Racht.

Preferred memorials may be made to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary or to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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The Family of

RUSSELL MUSCELLO, SR.

would like to give a special thanks to the Noble County dispatcher, John Urso, for his comfort and support during such a trying time, and a special thank you to our neighbor, Jordan Lounsbury, for being so kind to stay with me until my family and the E.M.S. got here.

Also, thanks to the LaGrange Sheriff's Department, first responders, Wolcottville Fire Department and all other emergency personnel who may have responded.

Also, thank you to the LaGrange County Coroner and Young Family Funeral Home for their soothing words and quick response.

Also, a very special thank you goes to my sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Jerry Febles, who were so quick in arriving to give us moral support.

Thanks to the Rome City American Legion Post SAL for the special service. I'd also like to thank everyone who sent food, brought mementos and flowers and generous donations to Boomerang Backpack in Russell's name.

A special thank you for the lovely service by G. Scott Pattison, pastor of Trinity Church in Kendallville. Our many friends and family and anyone who we may have missed. We are sorry.

Sandy Muscello ~ Sherry and Charles Jordan
Russ, Shay, Caden, Noah ~ Rebekah and Isabell Owsley
Russ Muscello, Jr. and Cynthia Howard

Francis Shear

SYRACUSE — Francis W. "Sock" Shear, 89, of Syracuse died Monday, June 28, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem Community Missionary Church, 11188 W. C.R. 350S, Larwill, IN 467764,

Send condolences online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Evelyn Wells, 92

ALBION — Evelyn A. Wells, 92, died Friday, June 25, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for about a week.

She was born in St. Joe County, Mich., on Sept. 19, 1917, and was the daughter of Marvin and Ethel (Richey) Eames. She spent most of her adult life in the Albion and Churubusco area. On Nov. 28, 1969, she married James Wells in Albion. He died on July 27, 2000.

She was a machine operator at General Electric in Fort Wayne and retired from there after more than 30 years of service. She enjoyed canning, working in her garden, traveling and fishing. She was also a 30-year member of the American Legion Post 242 Women's Auxilliary in Albion.

She is survived by her children, Ellen Dazey and her companion Charlie Jones of Bonita Springs, Fla.; Floyd and Irene Clingerman of Albion, and Phyllis Smith of Paoli; a stepson and his wife, Robert and Marie Wells of Albion, eight grandchildren, Sue (Larry) Montgomery of Butler, Larry (Marie) Ely of New Haven, Rick Ely of Avilla, Mike Clingerman and Jody Lewis of Albion, Jane (Floyd) Javis of Fort Wayne, Chrissy (Larry) Reed of Zionsville, Kevin Egolf of Huntington, and Todd (Johnine) Clingerman of Columbia City; 12 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and one step-grandchild; and one brother and his wife, Robert and Mary Lou Eames of Kimmell.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James; a son, Ronald Clingerman on Nov. 16, 1988; two grandchildren, Terry Clingerman and Curt Clingerman, and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 29, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Larry Williams officiated.

Burial took place at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Memorials are to the North Ridge Village Nursing Home's activities department.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Donna Kester, 78

AUBURN — Donna L. Kester, 78, of Auburn died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born March 17, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Oral and Marie (Affolder) Rodebaugh. She married Ralph K. Kester on Nov. 28, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kester worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for nine years. She then went to work for the Messenger Corporation in Auburn and retired after 21 years of service.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Laurie S. Kester of Auburn, Debra S. and Barry Bruner of Auburn, and Shirley A. West of Auburn; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a brother, David Rodebaugh of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Louise Burkley of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Danny L. Kester; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services were held June 29, 2010 at Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. The Rev. Raymond Warner officiated. Burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

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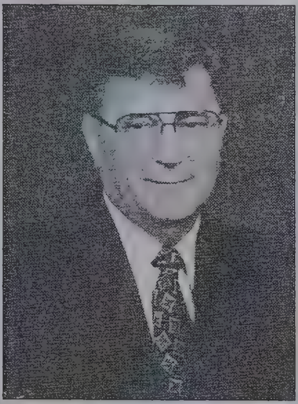

Ken W. Smolek, 76

FLORIDA – U.S. Veteran Albion - Ken W. Smolek, age 76, died on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 7:45 AM at Highland Regional Hospital in Seabring, Florida.

He was born on August 7, 1933 in Whitley County, Indiana and was the son of George and Marjorie (Herron) Smolek. He was a lifetime Albion resident and graduated from Albion High School in 1951.

He retired as the Plant Manager of Operations at Mid America Electric in Middlebury, Indiana. He also worked at Lyall Electric for many years.

On March 9, 1954 he married Jean (Gappinger) Smolek at the Albion Methodist Church. She died on July 2, 2007. He then married Marilyn Taylor on March 28, 2009, in Avon Park, Florida, she survives.

Mr. Smolek was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246. He also belonged to the Albion Lions Club and the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, and was an avid golfer.

Also surviving are his daughters, Deb (Doug) Wilson of Albion, Donita (Jeff) Brill of Wolcottville, Denise Smolek and her companion, Brad Bonar of Albion; five grandchildren, Sean and Faith Davies, Spencer Wilson, Seth Wilson, Evan Brill and Bryan Noland; four great grandchildren, Chance Davies, Shannon Davies, Zayden Wilson, and Dillen Noland; two brothers and sister in laws, Rex (Kay) Smolek of Iowa, and Jerry (Reah) Smolek of Indianapolis; one sister and brother in law, Deanna (Dick) Magnuson of Albion and one sister in law, Norma Smolek.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Richard, Larry and Gene Leon Smolek.

Funeral services for Mr. Smolek will be Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Rev. William "Bill" Breylinger and Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be from 3 until 8 on Friday evening at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Also one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. American Legion Post #242 will conduct military rites. Pallbearers will be Evan Brill, Sean Davies, Bryan Noland, Scott Perry, Spencer Wilson and Seth Wilson.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Ken Smolek to the Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion Lions Club or to the Union Congregational Church, 106 Butler Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825

Carolyn Bair, 87

SYRACUSE — M. Carolyn Bair, 87, died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. Bair was the daughter of Frank and Willamina (Light) Jerles. Her husband, Cecil "Zeke" Bair, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bair had been employed as a housekeeper and did catering. She also had operated the Wolf Lake Dairy Treat.

She was a member of the Ormas Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara (Larry) Wilkinson; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rosemary Bair, and a son, David Bair.

Funeral services were held June 24, 2010 at Eastlund Funeral Home, 7458 E. C.R. 1000N, Syracuse.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church, Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministry or Baptist Children's Home in Kouts, Ind.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Daisy M. Winebrenner, 94

ALBION - Daisy M. Winebrenner, age 94, lifetime Albion resident, died early Sunday morning, June 27, 2010 at her home in Albion. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

She was born on November 14, 1915 in Wolf Lake, Indiana and was the daughter of Rollie and Cleo (Huntsman) Weber. She graduated from Albion High School in the Class of 1933. She married Richard A. Winebrenner on November 12, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Winebrenner worked as a teacher's aid for many years at Central Noble School. She loved all the kids and they loved her. She went to church all of her life and taught many Sunday school classes. She was also a very talented seamstress, and made many special outfits for her granddaughters and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Richard A. Winebrenner of Albion. Her son and daughter in law, Michael (Mona) Winebrenner of Albion; two granddaughters, Michelle (Mike) Schultz of Albion and Melinda Willett of New Paris; three great grandchildren, Megan and Matthew Dreibelbis of Albion and Bethany Willett of New Paris and nine nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers, Calvin, Elton and Dale Weber, and one sister, Eva Weber.

Funeral services for Mrs. Winebrenner will be Friday, July 2, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Officiating will be Pastor Doug Keenan and Rev. Walter Winebrenner. Visitation will be from 4-8 on Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Daisy to the Gideons.

Shawn Riley, 42

AVILLA — Shawn Michael Riley, 42, died June 23, 2010, at his home in Avilla. He had been ill since September of 2009 with saranomia cancer.

He was born on May 10, 1968, in Coldwater, Mich., to Ray and Patsy (Weakly) Riley. He came to Avilla from Waterloo and LaGrange and has lived here since September. He worked as a bundler at Courier in Kendallville.

He had many interests, including kayaking, puzzles, soduko, NASCAR, music and fishing. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles and was a big Notre Dame fan especially football. He was a member of the Auburn Retreat APA Pool League.

He is survived by his mother, Patsy Riley of LaGrange; two sons, Cody Lee Riley, and Steven Riley, sister and her fiance, Julie Macy and Jamey Hall of Avilla; nephews, Joshua Bowser Riley of Indianapolis, Joseph Evans of Auburn; great nephews, Kiyle Bowser, Lucas Collier, Gavin Collier, and Riley Bowser; great nieces, Faith Ellen Miller, Joey Elizabeth Evans, Ava Lorraine Collier, Alana Kay Collier; and one niece and her husband, Jamie Lorraine and Steve Collier of Auburn.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Lee Everts Riley and a great niece, Ragen Evans.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 30, 2010, Wednesday

Linnea DePew, 63

KENDALLVILLE — Linnea Adela DePew, 63, of Kendallville died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She was born November 10, 1946, in Hastings, Neb., to Jacob and Edna (Maaske) Heathers.

She had lived in the area since 1958, and was a native of Nebraska. She graduated from Kendallville High School as salutatorian in 1964.

On January 1, 1965, she married Robert Earl DePew in Corunna.

Mrs. DePew was a 20-year survivor of a liver transplant. Along with her husband, she owned and operated their dairy farm, Knob-Hil-Vue. She was also a homemaker and Avon representative.

For the past 12 years, Mrs. DePew worked for A&H Specialties in Kendallville.

Linnea was very active in her four daughters' education and was supportive of all their extracurricular activities, including but not limited to: East Noble High School Theatre, East Noble Band Boosters, East Noble Show Choirs, Business Professional of America, gymnastics, FFA and science competitions.

In 2009, she was named the Grand Marshal of Noble County Community Fair Parade recognizing her involvement in 4-H, Home Extension and the community. She and her husband were instrumental in the start of the 4-H Dairy Steer Project. Mrs. DePew continued her support of the project by being secretary. She was also involved in the building of the Beef/Dairy Steer Barn at the fairgrounds. In addition, she consistently served in the youth organization's Dairy Project for more than 30 years.

Mrs. DePew helped start the Noble County Preview Dairy Steer Show 12 years ago and has served as secretary/treasurer since the beginning. She served in all of the offices of the Noble County Home Extension Club and was a member of the Fun 'N' Fancy Homemakers Club.

She was a treasurer of Gaslight Playhouse Inc. She also loyally worked the elections for the Republican Party for more than 30 years.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Lee Ann DePew of Kendallville, Robin and Steve Fuhrman of Avilla, Lori Bowman of Peoria, Ill., and Renee and Sid Carty Jr. of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren, Heidi and Wes Spencer, Nick Fuhrman, Heather Wade, Philip Bowman, Elizabeth Bowman, Faith Bowman, Jakeb Bowman, Grace Bowman, Derek Carty, Arlan Carty and Morgan Carty; and her mother, Edna (Gram) Heathers of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death are her father on December 31, 1983, and her husband on March 26, 1997.

Funeral services were held June 28, 2010, her father's birth date, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Doug Keenan officiated. Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the 4-H Dairy Steer Leadership Award, Gaslight Playhouse Inc. or Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 30, 2010, Wednesday

Norma Lovely, 88

AVILLA — Norma Lovely, 88, of Avilla went to be with Jesus on Friday, June 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville with her family at her side.

She was born June 30, 1921, in Hueysville, Kentucky, to Benjamin and Burlie (Coburn) Shepherd, and was the granddaughter of A.J. and Margaret Shepherd. She married Bill Jarrett. He preceded her in death. She then married William "Bill" Lovely. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1988.

Mrs. Lovely had lived in the area since 1959, coming from Kentucky. She was a homemaker. She had also worked at Sacred Heart Home, No-Sag, and also cared for people in their homes.

She was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Kendallville. She enjoyed making quilts and crafting. Norma loved her kids and grandkids ... they were the joy of her life.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Pastor Zaundra and Pastor Carter Hicks of LaGrange, Lynda and Dave Butler of Piketon, Ohio, and Kaye and Robert Fisher of Fort Wayne; two sons, Wade J. Lovely and his significant other Rebecca Walker of Wolcottville and Duane E. Lovely of Avilla; 17 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; a sister, Faye Shepherd of Hueysville, Ky.; a brother, Alex Shepherd of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, John Reed of Hueysville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Timothy Ray Lovely, who passed away Aug. 29, 2002; two grandsons, Delbert L. Cobbs, Jr., and Keith Allen Combs; three brothers, Owen Shepherd, Coy Shepherd, and Lloyd "Claude" Shepherd; and two sisters, Phyllis Reed and Tilly Stevens.

Funeral services took place June 29, 2010 at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Zaundra Hicks officiated.

Burial will be Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Shepherd Cemetery at Shepherd Village on Route 2029, Hueysville, Ky.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Gospel Lighthouse Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 30, 2010, Wednesday

Ruth Herron, 88

Ruth A. Herron, 88, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Arthur L.Herron, passed away at 4:30 a. m. on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Laurels of Dekalb in Butler following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Herron was born on August 27, 1921 in DeKalb County, a daughter of Leroy C. and Florence Ethel (Musser) Hodges. She moved to Churubusco with her family as a youth where her parents owned and operated the Hodges Dairy for many years. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1939, and was married in Columbia City on February 19, 1941 to Arthur L. Herron.

A resident of Churubusco all of her adult life, she had worked at the former Barnhart Drug Store and later in hart Drug Store and later in the cafeteria at Smith-Green Community Schools. She was employed at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring there as an inspector in 1985.

She was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel.

Mr. Herron preceded her in death on October 31, 2002.

The surviving relatives include her children Sally (Victor) Spear of Churubusco,

Julie (Rev. Terry L.) Zolman of Albion, Reynard (Joan)Herron of Churubusco, and Susan (Peter) Rogers of Albion. There are ten grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a sister Verna Crooks; by two brothers Elsworth J. Hodges and Charles L. Hodges; and by a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastors Terry L. Zolman and Steve Pulley, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & ChildsFuneral Home in Churubusco on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, the family requests that memorials be directed to EMS Medic 21, 204 N. Line Street, Churubusco, IN 46723; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Herron's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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